



Quakers Hill High School In the Media 2010



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Looking at reel success



IF A picture says a thousand words then the above image says more about its subject than anyone could ever know.

Teen film-maker and Quakers Hill High School student Luke Agius' latest short film, *Fragments*, has just been named one of the best student pieces in the Department of Education's annual Connected Learning Awards.

Fragments is not what you'd expect from a 14-year-old schoolboy, it's a dark and macabre look into the life of a teenage ice addict. Buoyed by a string of distorted images the film looks at the inner turbulence and violence of a young addict.

Taking his directorial lead from idols Stanley Kubrick and Alfred Hitchcock, Agius says his film's generally tread a far darker course than most people expect from someone his age.

But the results are spell-binding, hard-hitting and undeniably topical, proving he's got his finger on the social pulse.

"There's a pressure and an expectation that people my age will experiment with drugs," Agius says. "The film's not meant to scare kids off drugs, I think if they want to experiment with them then they will. It's meant to make people stop and think."

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