



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Art can connect people and it does transcend borders**

At Lauriston Girls' School, students from Kindergarten to Year 12 worked together on a collaborative Art project under the guidance of Artist in Residence Lauren Berkowitz.

The project was an educational and cultural exchange with students from the Emilio School in Siem Reap, Cambodia following a visit in January by Art teachers Giuliana D'Angelo and Sue Burke.

Students working with Lauren were invited to join a working group to develop their response in the form of visual markings on simple materials of pre-cut recycled card. The students discussed, considered, arranged and built the modular type cards into a complex free-standing structure of considerable scale. The installation then evolved in a room devoted to housing and exhibiting the work for visitors to appreciate.

The process of creating the installation was photographed and digitally recorded, and then part of the installation was parcelled up so that it could continue its journey back to Cambodia where those who began the process could continue to develop, assemble and enjoy the work.

Melbourne born, Lauren is an internationally renowned artist who has exhibited work in Australia, New York, France and Japan. Her most recent public Commission was an installation at the Heide Museum of Modern Art in 2005-2006.

See attached photos.

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