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Ikea on a stage

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OUT of thousands of students, a group of Oxley College performers have been selected as one of the few to perform at OnSTAGE.

It is the fourth time in several years the Highlands school has had students chosen to feature in the showcase.

OnSTAGE is an annual showcase of the most outstanding individual and group HSC drama performances. This year, two Oxley groups were nominated.

Head of Drama at Oxley Phil Cunich said it was something very special to be selected for OnSTAGE.

"We're talking the top one per cent of candidature for drama in the HSC," he said.

"It highlights how hard and talented our kids are at drama. They're very dedicated to the subject."

Tom Hill, Ryan Muir, Ella Moran, Sophie Capel and

Mitch Latham's performance about a family's trip to Ikea to buy a table caught the judges attention.

Mr Cunich said was unique in that the entire performance was done on a single drama box.

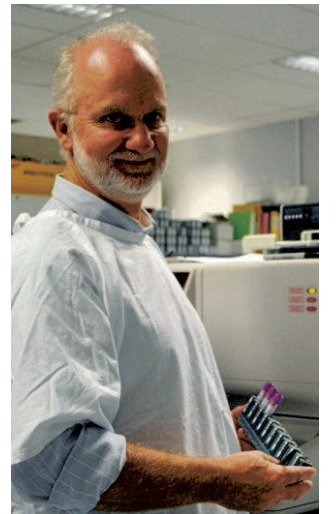
"It's a really interesting use of space and a really physical piece of theatre," he said.

"The way they manipulate themselves on the drama box makes it really interesting because it's a very restricted space. It's not something you see all the time which made the piece stand out in its originality and execution."

The other Oxley group which was nominated did an existential piece on a man searching for meaning in his life. OnSTAGE will run at the Seymour Centre in Sydney in February 2018. Tickets opened up on Monday can be purchased online through the Seymour Centre's online box office or the Board of Studies website.



TOP PERFORMERS: Tom Hill, Ryan Muir, Ella Moran, Sophie Capel and Mitch Latham were chosen to perform at OnSTAGE. Photo: supplied



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