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Budding photography grad a two-time winner

A recent graduate of Raffles College of Design and Commerce, James Barnett of North Narrabeen, has taken out first and third prizes in the ILFORD Tertiary Students Photographic Competition for his photos of a brilliantly coloured dragonfly perched on a stem and the last rays of an amazing sunset shining through clouds.

Australia's largest distributor of photographic equipment, CR Kennedy and Company, began the ILFORD Competition in 1993 and the twice-yearly awards recognise the outstanding achievements of photography students as well as teachers and tertiary institutions offering photography.

James' dragonfly photo won first prize in the third year digital inkjet print category and his sunset photo took third place in the same category. He won a plaque, \$300 cash and a \$100 gift voucher for first prize and a \$100 gift voucher for 3rd prize. His winning entries will be published in an upcoming edition of ILFORD IMAGES magazine for photography teachers.

James says he is excited about the win.

"This big parcel just arrived with all these goodies in it and, because I had entered a whole lot of competitions at the time, I wasn't sure which one it was. Turns out there was a mix-up with my address, so the notification of the prize got lost in the mail before the actual prize was delivered. It was a pleasant surprise to say the least.

James's first placed dragonfly image was taken in a private game reserve while on a trip to South Africa. He followed the insect for about half an hour as it hovered and landed on grasses.

Since graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication) with a major in photography from Raffles College in July, James has secured work with Outdoor Media Photography and is doing freelance work.

"Nature photography is definitely one of my passions and one day I hope to be able to make a living from selling landscape prints," James said.

For the moment, his first solo photographic exhibition is being held at Café 5 in Mona Vale and James' work can also be seen at: <http://jaywill.redbubble.com>

Program Director of photography at Raffles College, Sarah Smith says, "James is a gifted photographer with an enormous amount of enthusiasm for the profession. He is a hard worker and

has consistently shown initiative, finding opportunities to both progress as a photographer and to promote his work. I'm sure he has bright future ahead of him."

Raffles College of Design and Commerce in North Sydney specialises in programs in Design, Visual Communication and Commerce (from certificate to Masters level). Study specialisations include: Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Games Design, Animation, Moving Image (TV & film), Graphic Design, Interior Design, Multimedia Design, Photography, Design Management, Marketing, Tourism, Finance, Hospitality and Management.

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