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Brad's designs on a prize

INSPIRED by architecture, Allambie Heights' Brad McLennan is finalising designs that will furnish models at a fashion show in December.

Brad McLennan will be vying for the dream prize of an internship with Australian fashion icon Akira Isogawa, when his final major project is revealed.

"There was a specific building [in Japan] which I loved by an architect called Toyo Ho," he said.

"It was called the Tods Building. I tried to incorporate into my collection the same kinds of shapes and lines as in that building," he said.

The collection features everyday wear as well as conceptual evening wear, with one dress taking three 38-hour weeks to complete for the Bachelor of Design student.

The show will see couture and deluxe garments for women and men, from swimwear to knitwear and eveningwear, all inspired by Japanese aesthetics and trends in design which the Australian label is renowned for.

McLennan says his label, Oscar Brennan could be launched within the next two years.

The end-of-year fashion show for Raffles College of Design and Commerce will be on Tuesday, December 8 at Carriageworks in Redfern at 7pm. The show is free but bookings are essential on 9922 4278.

- Danielle Nicastri



One of Brad McLennan's creative designs.

SHORT BITES

\$100,000 prize to produce website

COMPUTER savvy geeks, residents and students have been invited to design a new website.

And the competition carries \$100,000 in prizemoney.

The aim of the website is to carry information about the government in a way that is interesting to the average person.

More than 400 State Government data sets are now available at www.data.nsw.gov.au including health, crime and road accident statistics, threatened species data and storm tracking information, Commerce, Science and Medical Research Minister Jodi McKay said.

"Exciting ideas and applications that repackage this data and make it even more accessible to the NSW community can now be submitted." Ms McKay said the competition was open to the general public and that a special prize was on offer for school children.

Entries close on January 29, 2010, with winners announced on February 24.

For more information on apps4nsw please visit www.information.nsw.gov.au/apps4nsw.