



HETTANZ FASHION AWARDS 2020

Home Economics and Technology Teachers Association of New Zealand

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Judging for the HETTANZ Fashion Awards, proudly supported by Bernina, took place on Wednesday 21st October. The competition is open to all students from member schools working in materials technology, fashion technology or textiles, and aims to encourage excellence in technical construction skills, along with recognition for individuality and creativity. There are a range of categories available for Intermediate, Junior and Senior students and these awards celebrate the enormous talent that our students bring to the world of fashion and garment construction.

Entries were received from schools across Aotearoa New Zealand, and once again the judges were blown away with the high standard of work produced.

“The (HETTANZ) Fashion Awards are a regular event in the fashion competition calendar and it is a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate their skills and creativity”, says HETTANZ president, Sharyn Macpherson. “HETTANZ with major Sponsor Bernina, is proud to back fashion and textiles technology teachers and their students through this annual competition. We are very grateful for Bernina’s ongoing support by providing major prizes of Bernette sewing machines or overlockers for all of the first-place winners” (Hot items, since Covid-19 lockdown sparked a revival in home sewing)

The guest judges Sue Prescott (Senior Lecturer / Programme Leader Fashion at Massey University) and Anna Hicks from Bernina, both commented on the high standard of the entries, with special mention of the technical skill and the sustainable choices made in many of the categories. Sue was impressed by the “great learning and encouragement going on both at school and home to produce this work. The garments reflect hours of dedication and effort”. And Anna “went away inspired about the bright future of our industry after seeing the incredibly high standard of technical ability and creativity from all age levels.”

This year a new senior category focused on sustainable design. Sue said “It is inspiring to see such a high level of creativity and problem solving in the work from these talented school students and impressive to see school students using such innovative and sustainable methods to realise their creative fashion ideas”.

Congratulations to the following successful students and thank you to all the teachers and families for their support:



Year 7-8: Open category

1st Place
Tilly Davis
(Cambridge Middle School)

Highly Commended
Danielle D'ath
(Cambridge Middle School)

Highly Commended
Lola Telfer
(John Paul College)

Junior: Creative category

1st Place
Kersha Napier
(St Matthews Collegiate)

Highly Commended
Abel Therakkadavath
(Bayfield High School)

Junior: Technical category

1st Place
Misaki Joe
(Bayfield High School)

Highly Commended
Arna Williams
(St Matthews Collegiate)

Senior: Creative category

1st Place
Yue Liao
(Iona College)

Highly Commended
Emily Butler
(Onslow College)

Senior: Technical category

1st Place
Ruby Wells
(Senior College Rathkeale)

Highly Commended
Emily Dunning
(Onslow College)

Senior: Sustainable design

1st Place
Bridget Dalley
(Otago Girls High School)

Highly Commended
Abigail Mills
(Diocesan School for Girls)