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A new look for Bankstown Hospital School

New artwork is adorning the walls of Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital thanks to a former student of the hospital's school.

Terrence Tran spent two months in hospital receiving treatment in 2023, attending Bankstown Hospital School to keep up with his year nine studies.

While at the school Terrence sketched a series of images of the paediatric ward from his perspective which he titled 'My Hospital View'.

The unveiling of Terrence's artwork coincides with NSW Public Education week (5-9 August) with the theme 'proud to belong'. Terrence's artwork highlights how a student can feel a sense of belonging no matter the setting they are engaging in learning.

"I had teachers support me with my schoolwork and school activities. Aside from academics, I also engaged in a wellbeing and mindfulness session with the teachers which was nice. I enjoyed my time sketching and drawing many things, reading books provided and doing some robotics with another patient/student," Terrence said.

The Bankstown Hospital School team also celebrated the completion of renovations to maximise the space and foster a warm and welcoming environment for students of all ages. A smartboard has been installed along with new furniture including high tables and a cloud table.

Jennifer Assaf, Acting General Manager, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital said the new additions help kids feel comfortable during their time in hospital.

"We see kids as young as three years and up to 18 at the school. It's important we create an inclusive, collaborative and connected environment to give students the best opportunity to thrive during complex and challenging circumstances," Ms Assaf said.

"It's wonderful to have the new renovations and artwork from past students which will hopefully make future students feel more comfortable."

Bankstown Hospital School was established in 1966 and is situated within the paediatric ward of Bankstown Hospital, providing an educational service to hospitalised students from pre-school to Year 12.

In 2023 Bankstown Hospital School enrolled 553 students.