The value of art to the development of young children and teenagers will be central to the programs of artsCape Biennial 2010, the major outdoor sculpture exhibition to be held in Byron Bay from June 26 to July 11.

The extensive education program will include hands-on sculpture activities for young people working with professional artists, imaginative education kits that are free for teachers. All of these documents are downloadable free from the artsCape website, include interesting and fun information about environmental sculpture. A draft risk assessment has also been provided to make organizing excursions to artsCape easy for teachers. All of these documents are now available from www.artscapebiennial.org.

As part of its program to directly engage local youth, artsCape, with the support of Byron Youth Service and the Uncle Project, has commissioned Lennox Head artist James Brown to hold a series of sculpture workshops, specifically designed for teenage boys. The sculpture they will create together will be exhibited at artsCape and then donated to the Youth Activities Centre for permanent installation.

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The artsCape education program is supported by The Caledonia Foundation, a private philanthropic foundation.

For further information regarding artsCape’s 2010 Education Program or to book a school tour or excursion, please contact Laurel Judell on 0410 450 661 or email Laurel@artsCape.net.au.