

## Student film maker earns serious reward for comedy

A FILM made for a school assignment with a \$50 budget has beaten 21 other finalists to claim a prestigious \$20,000 scholarship.

Julian Hartley, 17, a student of St Peters Indooroopilly, was shocked to win The Robin Anderson Scholarship, which includes material and tuition to attend The Sydney Film School, for his 10-minute comedy *Due Back Saturday*.

Hartley, who was assisted by friend Nick Murray, said his teacher entered the debut film after he received an A grade for

the Year 12 project. "I decided to do a comedy because everyone was making depressing and dark movies and I felt like doing something different," Hartley said.

*Due Back Saturday* is about a video store assistant who likes a girl because of the films she hires until she starts selecting movies that are not to his taste.

Sydney Film School advanced diploma co-ordinator and scholarship judge Kathryn Milliss said this year's field of finalists was incredibly strong.

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**SHOT OF FORTUNE:** Teen film maker Julian Hartley has gained recognition for a school assignment project.

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