



Mitchell Pond used a Turkish war scene and modern dance to illustrate his disability message in his short film *Breakability*.
Picture: TIM CLAPIN

Inspiring student finds niche in film

Evin Priest

HOYTS Cinemas at Fox Studios rolled out the red carpet for Mt Annan High School student Mitchell Pond recently during Nova Employment's "Focus on Ability" short film competition awards night.

The competition has been running for five years and is aimed at raising awareness of the abilities of people with a disability.

Mitchell, who has a motor

skill disorder as a result of cerebral palsy, produced a short film called *Breakability*, which showed off his outstanding breakdancing talent.

Mitchell (acting and editing) and his crew of Year 9 peers Dean Alexander (camera), Tallulah Norris (acting and costumes) and Bradley Lee (clapperboard, camera and props) filmed the piece in one school period and edited it overnight.

Learning and support

teacher Greg Frawley praised their efforts.

"Mitchell is a multi-talented student, with a stage presence and a real passion for filmmaking," he said.

"He's a positive dynamo of energy, inspiring students and teachers daily.

"I think that a career in the film industry is Mitchell's dream and the NOVA competition was a giant step towards getting some work experience in the film industry."

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