



Springfield is set to become a new base for the Australian School of Performing Arts, Film and Television School.



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# Dynamic duo open acting school

## Darra firms on big idea shortlist

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SPRINGFIELD will be home to a new Australian School of Performing Arts, Film and Television school set to open on April 29.

The school, at Woodcrest State College, will be one of three new locations to launch as part of the Alderley-based company's expansion and provide courses in Acting and Film Production.

The ASPFT was founded by Two Small Blondes, a Brisbane Film and Television Production Company owned and operated by Amanda Hardwick and Renata Einhaus.

Ms Hardwick, who has more than 15 years experience as a film, television and theatre performer, said the Springfield base would offer students the opportunity to create their own work through choreography, script writing, directing or producing.

"We not only provide, but we demand, a space where students can make mistakes without embarrassment and fear, and achieve their goals," Ms Hardwick said.

Ms Einhaus, said her experience in design and technical work, combined with Ms Hardwick's teaching expertise provided the perfect part-



**DOORS OPEN:** Renata Einhaus and Amanda Hardwick are starting up the Australian School of Performing Arts, Film and TV at Woodcrest State College.

nership to develop the school.

"We are excited to provide the only film course in Brisbane where students write, produce and perform in their own short film that

is later professionally edited and privately screened for all their friends and family to see," she said. "It's very exciting."

The school is based at Woodcrest

State College, 38 Nev Smith Dr, Springfield.

**Enrolments are now being taken on 0432 055 966 or visit [www.twosmallblondes.com.au](http://www.twosmallblondes.com.au)**

TWO Darra businesses have proven they are home to some of the biggest and brightest ideas in Queensland.

An independent judging panel of business and innovation experts selected Metcalfe Group Pty Ltd and Blast Movement Technologies as finalists in the state government's *What's Your Big Idea Queensland?* program.

The competition was looking for innovative ideas which could change how businesses operate.

State Development Minister Andrew Fraser announced the 48 big ideas which had been short-listed and in the running to win up to \$50,000.

Member for Inala Annastacia Palaszczuk said she was proud Darra companies had come out on top of with more than 600 applications received from across the state.

"This scheme is designed to help make the shortlisted ideas become a commercial reality with financial assistance and support from the State Government and Ai Group."

Ai Group director Matthew Martyn-Jones said small and medium enterprises were vital to the Queensland economy.

Winners were announced last night at Parliament House.

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