

Toolooa Students Become Crime Scene Investigators

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It was lights, camera, action around the school grounds as our Year 10 Media students filmed the Toolooa High version of Crime Scene Investigation.

This term our media students have been studying crime shows and were set the task of researching, writing and filming their own episode. Teacher and director, Shaun Cathro, said "This was a way to make the students' studies more practical and to put theory into action."

The episode is shaping up to be full of intrigue and mystery. It opens with the school's cleaner finding the basketball coach dead after a match the night before. Toolooa High investigators are called in to crack the case. The amount of randomly scattered gun shells at the scene suggests that our killer is not competent with a firearm. The football shoeprint on the coach's face provides the investigators with another lead to follow.

Mr. Cathro said "Every student wrote a scene and they were then combined and edited to make a whole episode. The students had only five weeks to come up with an idea for a crime show and write the script. When it was ready, we started filming around the school."

It's been a challenging task for our young film makers who are also acting in and editing the show. Once the episode is wrapped up, our Year 11 students will be analysing the show as part of their English study.

Who did it? You'll have to wait for the episode debut, coming to a classroom soon!