Deaf Ninjas snatches best film award

Teacher Josie Hodgetts had the difficult task of getting some of her teenage male students to don gold, silver and pink lycra full bodysuits.

But the outlandish costumes paid dividends, helping Shenton College Deaf Education Centre students win two awards in the Translator and Interpreter Awareness Day short film competition last week.

Their work, Deaf Ninjas, snatched first place in the 12 to 17 age category and won overall best film, earning two trophies and a cash prize of $250, which will help them on their way to school camp in Kalgoorlie next year.

Ms Hodgetts, who was camerawoman for the film, said students were so proud of their piece they had watched the finished product about 15 times.

The film tells of three Auslan school interpreters kidnapped on their way to school and jeopardising students' chances of passing their exams.

But pupils pull together, transforming into lycra-clad superheroes to outwit the kidnappers and rescue the interpreters.

Ms Hodgetts said that as part of their brief students had to find a way of showing through film why interpreters were so necessary.

“They wanted something exciting, so they added the ninja element,” she said.

“It was a good way for students to be part of the co-operative learning program.

“They had to make decisions about their ideas, how to be creative and what locations to use.”