

Start a Visual Arts Traineeship

and one day you can:

- be a visual artist and/or craft professional, ceramicist, community arts assistant, gallery assistant, photographer, studio assistant or image designer for online web advertising.
- be a specialist in a creative practice or a creative working in retail, commercial facilities or an exhibition space.
- work in a creative agency or work beside creative artists.

Finish a Certificate III in Design Fundamentals (Visual Arts/Photography)

A one-year, full-time traineeship or a two-year TVET course through school or a six-month to a year course through a college.

Result — you are a member of a visual art, ceramic, graphic or photography team helping to create such things as showcase events, exhibitions, experiences, products, presentations and campaigns.

Finish a Certificate IV in Photography and Photo Imaging or a Certificate IV in Arts Administration

You can do that part-time while you earn money.

Result — you are an assistant photographer. Or you are working in arts administration implementing a range of creative/design projects across print and online platforms or providing work-based assistance for artists or galleries in commercial or private contexts. Or you will be producing your own creative work or contributing to a creative team.

Finish a Diploma of Photography and Photo Imaging or a Diploma of Visual Arts or a Diploma in Ceramics

You can do that part-time while you earn money.

Result — you are a photographer or an artist or a ceramicist implementing a range of creative or design projects across print and online platforms or using a range of mediums for commercial or private purposes. Or you will be producing your own creative work or contributing to a creative team.



Yes, I want to be a visual arts professional

Great! Check out the subjects the visual arts industry recommends to get you started.

Years 9 and 10

Mandatory subjects:

- English
- Geography or History
- Mathematics
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)
- Science

Plus two (2) electives:

Now that you have decided on a traineeship you should consider the following subjects as one or more of your electives if they are taught in your school.

- Design and Technology
- Information and Software Technology
- Visual Arts
- Photographic and Digital Media

Years 11 and 12

Mandatory subjects:

- English or English Studies

Plus electives:

Choose one or more of these subjects:

- Visual Arts
- Design and Technology
- Information and Digital Technology (VET)
- Photography, Video and Digital Imaging
- Textile and Design
- Visual Design

