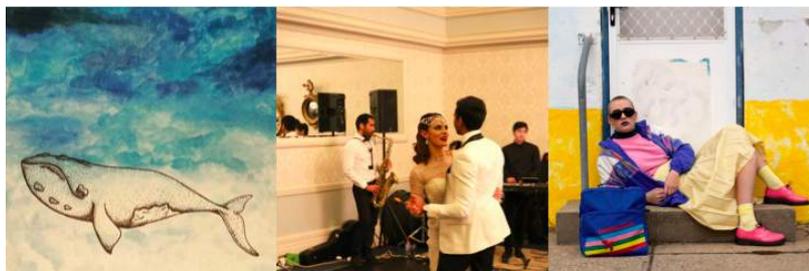


KENDALL SEATON

PHOTOGRAPHY/GRAPHIC DESIGN CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY



Senior School Subjects

- Year 11: English, General Mathematics, Biology, Studio Arts, Youth Ministry, History Units 3+4 Early Advancement
- Year 12: English, Further Mathematics, Sociology, Visual Communication Design, Studio Arts.

Why did you choose these subjects? When I was in Years 11 and 12 I didn't really have a clear understanding that choosing subjects could set you up for your course but I ended up choosing subjects that I was interested in and passionate about.

What is your course like? I'm studying a Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design and Photography at Charles Sturt University in Wagga Wagga. My course is a mixture of practical and theory but allows you to be creative in your designs. It teaches you the basics of design and allows you to apply it to your skills in designing.

What do you love about your course? I love that I have been able to push myself creatively to achieve designs that I never thought I would have designed in Year 12. It's a constant growing and learning process but the end results are always surprising and satisfying.

Give students an example of a 'day in the life' of your course? A day in the life of my course would include a lecture or tutorial that would teach different aspects of design or photography and then applying these skills in my assignments. The course is assignment based. There are no exams so all of your time goes into the creative process and producing designs and images for your assignments.

What have been some of the highlights of your course so far? My biggest highlight so far for my course would be that my year held our very own exhibition at the Wagga Art Gallery called 'f8' where students in my year, including myself, had our work selected and exhibited all together. Another highlight would have to be that I already have clients in my field of work and seeing these clients use my designs or photographs make me feel like I am successfully using my degree.

How did your senior school subjects prepare you for your course? I think Studio Arts and Visual Communication Design prepared me by showing the work and commitment needed to produce creatively in my course. There has been a lot of work put into my course subjects and I got a glimpse of that from choosing my design subjects at school.

What advice can you offer students considering studying the course? The advice I can give is if you are passionate about wanting to study graphic design and photography then you will achieve some awesome results. A lot of people just pick the course because it's got drawing in it or they can use a camera. It's so much more than just those two elements. Pick a course that you are passionate about and you won't feel like it's a chore or that it's the easy way out. The other advice I can give is, if you are already thinking of picking it as your future career- start designing, pick up a camera, teach yourself Photoshop or Illustrator. Gaining these skills whilst you are at school now is so beneficial to get ahead.

What are your career goals? After I finish my Bachelor degree. I want to do a teaching degree so that I can become an arts teacher. Other than that I will continue to freelance photography and graphic design.

Course information: Bachelor of Creative Arts & Design (Graphic Design/Photography), <http://bit.ly/1hwDRWJ>