



SYDNEY
DESIGN SCHOOL

YEAR 11 & 12 EVET COURSE

Certificate III in Design Fundamentals

CUA30720

Are you creative and curious?

Start your journey towards a future in design with our foundation course for high school students. Experiment with styling, creative direction, textiles and interiors to discover what you love.

Join us in our North Sydney studios or virtually from your school. You'll be introduced to the fundamental skills of a Designer, allowing you to move easily into an area of design specialisation when you graduate.

What qualification will I receive?

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT

One Year Program

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Two Year Program

Upon completion of the one year course you'll receive a Statement of Attainment and 2 units of credit towards your HSC. On completion of the two year course you'll graduate with a Certificate III in Design Fundamentals and 4 units towards your HSC.

Both courses will give you direct entry into our Certificate IV in Interior Decoration, and the Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Interior Design with no ATAR required.

Our courses are developed by industry professionals and accredited by the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) – the Government's national regulator for vocational education. RTO 91446.





What will I learn?

We're passionate about small classes and hands-on learning delivered by experienced Interior Designers, Architects and Artists. We believe a high quality education starts with the fundamentals.

Year 1		
DES01	The Design Industry	Be introduced to the design industry and the roles and opportunities within it. You'll learn about leading Designers and how to research local and international design trends and influences.
DES02	Colour & Design Fundamentals	Be introduced to colour theory and colour schemes and explore how to build a colour palette. You will also be introduced to the fundamentals of 2D design and will explore 2D drawing techniques to visualise your ideas in 2D
DES03	Styling & Creative Direction	In this unit learn the fundamentals of creative direction, enabling you to visually represent an idea and product. You'll capture photos of your styling work.

Year 2		
DES04	Interior Project	Learn about the design process and how it's applied to designing an interior space for a client. You'll visualise your ideas in 3D models and renders.
DES05	Textile and Surface Design	Learn how to apply colour and design to a textile and surface design brief for your client. You'll use digital software to create exciting designs and repeats for fabrics, wall coverings and rugs.
DES06	Visual Exploration	Consolidate and apply your new design skills to create your own personal brand and create a digital portfolio of work.

How will I learn?

LEARN IN OUR CREATIVE STUDIOS

Study face to face in our North Sydney studios with like minded creatives. Connect and collaborate as you get hands-on in this practical project based course.

LEARN VIRTUALLY FROM SCHOOL

Living outside Sydney? Connect with classmates across NSW and learn in our real time virtual studio with our passionate Educators. Draw, style and experiment from anywhere.

When will I learn?

If you'd like an on-campus experience, you can choose to study from 9.30am – 4.30pm in weekly blocks during the school holidays or join us on Tuesdays during the school term from 9.30am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

If you want to learn in our real-time virtual studio you will join us via Zoom on Tuesdays from 9.30am – 12.30pm or 1.30pm – 4.30pm.

OPTION 1: ON CAMPUS BLOCK (9.30AM – 4.30PM)

The course is offered in blocks at our North Sydney campus. Blocks are delivered during school holidays as follows:

Year 1

Block 1: 13–17 Apr 2026

Block 2: 6–10 Jul 2026

Block 3: 6–9 Oct 2026

Year 2

Block 1: 12–16 Apr 2027

Block 2: 5–9 Jul 2027

OPTION 2: ON CAMPUS

(Tuesday morning 9.30am–12.30pm OR afternoon 1.30pm–4.30pm term time)

Year 1

Term 1: 17 Feb – 31 Mar 2026

Term 2: 21 Apr – 30 Jun 2026

Term 3: 21 Jul – 22 Sep 2026

Year 2

Term 1: 9 Feb – 6 Apr 2027

Term 2: 27 Apr – 29 Jun 2027

OPTION 3: VIRTUAL LEARNING

(Tuesday morning 9.30am–12.30pm OR afternoon 1.30pm–4.30pm term time)

Your Educator will demonstrate in real time in our Zoom classroom. This is ideal for students living outside of Sydney. You can study from school on a laptop.

Year 1

Term 1: 17 Feb – 31 Mar 2026

Term 2: 21 Apr – 30 Jun 2026

Term 3: 21 Jul – 22 Sep 2026

Year 2

Term 1: 9 Feb – 6 Apr 2027

Term 2: 27 Apr – 29 Jun 2027

" We see the creative potential in everyone. We're passionate about providing a supportive environment and an inspiring experience."

Amanda Grace, Founder and Director

How do I apply?

If you're interested in joining us, you will need to discuss this course with your School Careers Advisor or VET Coordinator now.