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Creating careers in international fashion

Verity Taylor is well on her way to becoming the international fashion sensation she's always aspired to be, having recently been awarded an amazing opportunity to study her passion in one of the world's fashion capitals.

The 19-year-old TAFE Queensland Brisbane fashion student will soon be jetting off to New York as part of an international scholarship program launched this year, and she couldn't be more excited.

"We'll be spending a few days at the Fashion Institution of Technology doing workshops and classes with the students in New York," Verity explained.

"Then for the rest of the time we'll be learning about New York and travelling around to the main tourist attractions, as well as shopping and sightseeing."

Currently in her final year of an Advanced Diploma of Fashion, Verity will then go on to study a Bachelor of Fashion with the University of Canberra through TAFE Queensland at South Bank.

"I did a lot of research into what the different universities offered in the way of fashion courses and chose a TAFE Queensland course because it was the only one that taught every aspect of the fashion industry, not just design," Verity explained.

"I love learning about the business side of things, not just about what's in season and the teachers have all got their own slice of industry experience to share with the class and will always push you to achieve your own personal best.

"They've also got such great facilities. All the machines are of such high quality, possibly better than the ones used in industry."

The Global Learning Scholarship Program that awarded Verity this invaluable experience came about as the result of a partnership formed between TAFE Queensland Brisbane, the Global Education Skills Alliance (GESA) and Rotary International District 9630.

Verity said she's extremely grateful for such a unique networking opportunity that will give her a career-focused international edge as a fashion graduate.

"My ultimate aspiration is to design and create couture bridal wear and I'd hope to base myself in Europe so I'll have access to gorgeous fabrics, laces and trims," she said.

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“When I’ve finished the course I’ll travel overseas in search for a job or apprenticeship which will hopefully lead to more opportunities in the fashion industry.”

Four other TAFE Queensland Brisbane fashion students have already received scholarships to spend four weeks in Tokyo working as interns for a major brand company. In exchange, students from the Bunka Gakuen University will travel to Australia later this year to intern with some of Brisbane’s very own companies.

To create your own career in the international fashion industry, visit tafebrisbane.edu.au to find out what you need to do to apply.

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