

Meet Lucy



- 20-year-old private college student
- Has a Certificate III in Screen and Media
- Currently studying a Bachelor of Creative Media
- Parents own their own business and did not study at university
- Got a FEE-HELP loan to pay tuition fee and a SA-HELP loan for each year of study
- Paid for one textbook so far but most of the materials are online
- No extra accommodation costs as she is living at home
- Drives to the college and has to pay for parking



"I am so glad I took the time to compare education providers and their courses on [Course Seeker](#). I had no idea that I could read previous student experiences – like a review! It really made the decision easy, and I know I made the right choice for me."

Student biography

I love photography, and really enjoyed the Certificate III in Screen and Media I did through TAFE NSW while I was in Year 12. It was where I excelled. I took a gap year and travelled to see family in Canada where I was able to take lots of great photos, and then came back and got a part time job while I tried to work out what to do next.

What I'm studying

I couldn't decide what I wanted to do after school. A friend I went to school with told me to look at [Course Seeker](#) where I compared courses based on past students' experiences. I got really interested in the Bachelor of Creative Media at a private college near where I live.

How I funded my studies

The course does not have Commonwealth supported places, which means the fees I pay will be higher. I thought it was worth paying more to study this particular course because I was really impressed by the industry connections they had and the practical side of the course. The classes are small and they include time spent with professionals who work in real digital agencies – it feels like I'm a part of the industry already!

I found out that I can get a FEE-HELP loan to pay my fees, which means that I don't have to pay anything upfront and I won't start paying my loan back until I am earning over a [certain amount](#). I'm able to keep my classes to just three days a week so I can work on the other two days to help with expenses.