

Hye Jin Kim

Country: Korea

Course: Certificate 4 in Applied Fashion Design and Technology

Institute: TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Ultimo College



Hye Jin Kim, from Seoul, enrolled in 2007 in the Certificate 4 Applied Fashion Design and Technology course at TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Ultimo College.

“I chose this course because I wanted to gain more practical skills. I knew someone who previously did the course and they recommended it.”

“Because English is my second language I didn’t always understand everything straight away, but everyone supported me to gain my knowledge. All my teachers were really professional and have great skills and knowledge; they always encouraged me and gave me direction for improvement. They would remind me I was talented and helped me become a disciplined designer and creator.”

Hye Jin gained first place in her field of studies for both Sydney Institute and across NSW. She also won two important awards for her work:

- The Ultimo College Achievement award – a Sydney Institute award
- The Grand Prize at the Textile Institute National Awards in Melbourne which included four weeks tuition and accommodation at the Fashion Summer School in Paris. Hye Jin’s winning entry was judged the best of 140 entries from colleges and universities across Australia.

“Studying fashion technology gave me the practical skills needed for the industry. It included far more than just theory; I acquired the skills to design a garment and then see it through to the finish.”

After completing her studies at TAFE NSW Hye Jin travelled around the world to learn more about the fashion technology industry. Her goal is to start her own label within the next 10 years.