

## Rie Katayama

**Country:** Japan

**Course:** Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology

**Institute:** TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Ultimo College



When her friend first told her about TAFE NSW, Rie Katayama was studying naturopathy. Rie's true passion, however, was fashion design.

Rie enrolled in the Diploma of Applied Fashion Design and Technology at TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Ultimo College in 2009.

TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute has seven campus locations in Sydney's metropolitan area and every year more than 2,000 international students from over 65 countries choose to study here.

Ultimo College, where Rie studied a few days a week, has the largest English Language Centre in TAFE NSW. It is also located in Sydney's centre, very near to Australia's famous tourist attractions like the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Opera House, Chinatown, and Bondi Beach. Rie was taught by award-winning teachers with years of practical work experience. Rie was pleased with her teachers, as well as the facilities available to her on campus.

“My teachers were very patient and always helped me when I was confused. They didn't mind explaining things more than once to me or other students. The study style in Australia is very different from that in Japan. They don't mind pausing in class to answer questions.”

Rie loved the campus, the outside architecture of the buildings and the well equipped library where she always found information she was looking for.

Rie appreciated the opportunity to meet people from so many different cultures.

“The campus was home to people from all over the world...I was lucky to have made friends from a lot of different areas, including Japan, Korea, and China.”