I’m Caitlyn, I’m in year 12 and I’m doing VET Creative and Digital Media in VCE.

I chose to study this subject because last year when we doing a different subject - Careers, I told my teacher I really enjoyed animation and he recommended that I check out VET Media, and I found that reading the content for the course, it sounded like something I’d really want to do. And because I like the storytelling aspect of animation I really decided I’d like to do that. And also I really enjoy animation movies and I love going to the cinema and watching them so I’d want to do something similar to that if I could in my career.

So other creative media subjects I’m doing in VCE would be VCE media, and I’m also doing literature which might be the same sort of creative, and I did Vis Comm last year, so Visual Communication and Design, which could be similar to VET media because the elements and principles are very similar and the sorts of design elements we use for websites in VET media are similar to the ones we used to use in Vis Comm as well. The differences are that VET is very like, industry based, and it’s tailored towards getting you a job, very hands on, very self-taught and you can go along at your own pace. As well as being all online so it’s really easy to carry around.

So the types of things we learn is how to like, do website and how to code those and how to make them work. And then how to do animation and how to code animation as well so like do games and make the animation smooth. And we learn how to deal with clients as well and how to get information that we need so that we can do what they want us to do.

So creative topics specifically we started off animating a face and we had to make the face talk. And we did a game as well, so we had a platform game and we had to get the code and change all the pieces of the animation to what we wanted it to be. And we also did a little bit of 3D animation which was in Maya. In the subject there tends to be quite a lot of freedom doing that so you can sort of style it to the way you think, so you can put your own thoughts into it as well. So for the animation we could do almost anything so long as it had animation in it, and we can make it a game as well if we wanted so that was pretty good.

When I undertook this course, the VET Creative and Digital Media, I wanted to learn how to use the Adobe Suite properly and now that I’ve done a year and a half, I think, of the course I’ve learnt a lot of how to use that which is really good.

One of the assessments we had to do was like a quote for a client that was basically revolving around doing the website for them. So we had to figure out how to talk to them, how to best meet their needs. So I got to get all of their information that they wanted to have on their website and then design their website around that and then they could choose which one they liked the best and then I could make a website for them out of that so that was really good. Since doing that SAC and that quote and that assignment it really feels like it’s equipped me to deal with people better in particular and it hasn’t made me so afraid of looking for clients who I could do work for and it’s given me valuable skills that I can now use to do actual jobs, which is good.

So for VET Creative and Digital Media we get the opportunity to create a portfolio which will help us tell potential clients what we can do and what we will be able to do for them. And that could help us get work and then I’ve thought about admitting into Top Designs, like for my animation, which I really hope I can do.

One of the advantages of doing VET is that you do get the Certificate III in Screen and Media and that could really help me before I go to uni so I can get some work with that experience of having done the CERT III and then potentially earn some money to help me get into university. And then it could also help me with my portfolio so I can work on that and add stuff to that which will also help me get into University as well, which will eventually get me my dream job so it’s a really big advantage of doing it. As well as like, because I’m doing VCE VET, it could like add to my ATAR, as well, which is a really important thing for also university.

I definitely would recommend this program to future students because it gives you so much opportunity to gain skills and talk to people and then use that later on in life so I’ve been doing it for like two years and I can still use it when I finish school and when I eventually go to university, which is a really good thing so I’d definitely recommend it to future students.