



# Camp Street Campus

ARTS ACADEMY • UNIVERSITY OF BALLARAT



'To accomplish great things,  
we must not only act but also dream,  
not only plan but also believe' Anatole France

The University of Ballarat is one of Australia's newest and most progressive universities, with a history of providing tertiary education and training reaching back more than 130 years. It is pre-eminently a regional institution, with three campuses in Ballarat and one each in Horsham, Stawell and Ararat. It also has a national and international focus and is actively building extensive partnerships and strategic alliances beyond its immediate region.

More than 20,000 students are enrolled in a broad range of TAFE and Higher Education courses offered to meet the region's diverse education and training needs. The University of Ballarat places great emphasis on the quality of its teaching and learning, and its expanding, highly productive research capability.

Graduates of the University consistently record amongst the highest national levels of satisfaction with their educational experience. Employment and salary outcomes for graduates are equal to, or better than, the national average.

In its teaching and research, the University has established strong links with business, industry and the community. Through its TAFE Division, and increasingly through its Higher Education Division, the University has especially close relationships with regional industry and business.

The University is giving high priority to programs that allow students to move between TAFE and Higher Education, thereby enriching educational opportunity and enabling students to match their choice of courses with their interests and motivations.

In all its activities, the University is harnessing new technologies so that access to its educational programs in the region, and for students further afield, is increased through flexible delivery and on-line learning. The location of IBM Global Services on the University's Technology Park site and the parallel development of the Greenhill Enterprise Centre to facilitate incubation of IT business provide exciting business development opportunities for the region and beyond.

The University of Ballarat's vision is to be held in the highest regard by students, staff and the communities it serves.



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From the seed of an idea fusing the past with the present and looking to the future, the Camp Street development is a commitment to lifelong learning.

The University of Ballarat's Camp Street Campus has breathed new life into the heart of Ballarat and is a powerful vote of confidence in the future of the region and of the arts.

In this unique setting Arts Academy students realise their aspirations of studying in visual and performing arts.

Immense foresight was shown by a partnership between the University and all tiers of government grasping the opportunity to rejuvenate the city's heart into a thriving education and cultural centre.



'Vision is the art of seeing things invisible'

Jonathan Swift

The multi-million dollar Camp Street Arts Precinct has set a high benchmark for the future of arts education in Australia. The redevelopment of the historic area, integrates old and new buildings to create the University's Camp Street Campus. The project included extensions to the Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, and the creation of a public space by the City of Ballarat known as Alfred Deakin Place.

Aspiring artists, performers and designers have the opportunity to dedicate themselves to their disciplines amid the inspiring surrounds of this regional centre, while tapping into Ballarat's breadth of cultural and lifestyle opportunities.

An exciting future lies ahead for the campus with plans to create a centre of research and innovation, which incorporates both TAFE and Higher Education courses.

Camp Street Campus is not an island of educational possibilities. It is a link in a chain for this Learning City. The community too is enriched by the Arts Academy's lively student population which brings new zest to the central city.





Living in an eclectic city where the past meets the future brings a whole new dimension to student life.

Camp Street Campus is home to approximately 400 students and staff. Restaurants, cinemas, hotels, nightclubs, shops, galleries and theatres are all just around the corner. Arts Academy students have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the lifestyle of central Ballarat.

This regional setting is an ideal place to focus on learning in a safe and manageable environment while enjoying the benefits of a strong youth sub-culture.

Ballarat's theatres have long been a source of pride for the city. The grandest, Her Majesty's Theatre, has an annual program of national and international performances alongside local productions. The strong amateur theatre scene, in which students are heavily involved, also delivers many quality performances.

*'Art teaches nothing except the significance of life'* Henry Millar

Australia's oldest and largest regional gallery, The Ballarat Fine Art Gallery, has close links with the Arts Academy, and forms part of the redevelopment of the Camp Street Arts Precinct, located just across Alfred Deakin Place.

Besides these prestigious institutions are smaller theatres and galleries where students can connect with the community.

Flourishing gardens, Ballarat's famous collection of statues, magnificent architecture, and weekly markets will delight the senses while the annual Begonia Festival, with its accompanying art show and theatrical performances, presents more opportunities for students to display their talents.

Ballarat is within easy reach of a diverse range of inspiring scenic locations and leisure options such as the Grampians, the coast, the wine district, other regional centres and Melbourne.



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‘Centrally located just minutes from restaurants, nightclubs and shopping strips, panoramic views, modern décor’ — sounds like an advertisement for the newest apartment at the top end of town. This describes the contemporary on-campus accommodation available at the Camp Street Campus.

The apartments and studio units are fully furnished, and students do not want for anything — not even a view. There is an option for undercover car parking with resident-only 24-hour access.

Students enjoy balcony views overlooking the city and beyond to landmarks such as Mt Warrenheip, Mt Buninyong and Black Hill.

The design of the facilities allows for commercial opportunities outside of educational program times.

Off-campus, the University provides a range of housing options across the city.

‘We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us’ Sir Winston Churchill

First-class teaching and learning facilities occupy the campus’ historic buildings.

Rooms that once housed court sittings, librarians and post office workers are filled with easels and the smell of fresh paint, performers reciting their lines and singers lifting their voices to the ceiling roses.

The many speciality areas for students include the studio environment of graphic design / multimedia where students work at individual workstations, the media arts space for multidisciplinary work, the voice and dance rehearsal studios and also printmaking and papermaking facilities.

Visitors will enjoy the University’s gallery in the former retail area of the historic post office, the new 144-seat theatre and the smaller post office and old courthouse theatres.







Perched high above the Ballarat Mechanics' Institute in Sturt Street, overlooking historic Camp Street, Minerva, the Roman Goddess of Wisdom and patroness of the arts and trades, must be delighted this precinct is now home to a dynamic university arts campus.

Whether an act of fate or coincidence, the establishment of the University of Ballarat's Arts Academy on this site, just doors from Ballarat's illustrious arts institutions, The Ballarat Fine Art Gallery and Her Majesty's Theatre, was a stroke of genius by Ballarat's leaders.

Since the early 1850s when the first Government Camp was established on what is now Camp Street, this precinct has always been the core of Ballarat. It was here the first authorities of Ballarat pitched their tents and from here the city evolved.

'There are more valid facts and details in  
works of art than there are in history books' *Charlie Chaplin*



In 1854, troopers left Camp Street to confront the miners at the Eureka Stockade in what is widely regarded as an event leading directly to the birth of Australia's democracy.

Today Camp Street is a central symbol of the city's continuing evolution. The former uses of the State Government offices, library, post office and old courthouse have gone but thanks to vision and foresight, Camp Street remains the heartbeat of the city where students strive to fulfil their creative dreams.

The community still plays a pivotal role in the precinct. The former retail section of the Post Office has become a public gallery and the former mail-sorting room, a theatre where varied performances are staged for the public.

In moving to this campus the Arts Academy has come full circle, as the city's original Gallery Art School was in in Camp Street before moving to the School of Mines in 1907.





New ways of creating, seeing and thinking — here is a place where visual arts students are encouraged to push boundaries and go beyond them — and change the way the world is seen.

At the Arts Academy, a broad spectrum of creative thinkers in the visual arts absorb valuable skills and ideas to meet the challenges of today's society. Minds are opened and individuality nurtured, from the fine art student using traditional mediums or working with new media, to the student in graphic arts or design /multimedia working creatively at the forefront of technology and innovation or utilising time-honoured skills.

'He who works with his hands,  
his head and his heart is an artist' *St Francis of Assisi*

Forging a career in the visual arts becomes a reality, where the energy and passion of staff combine with visually inspiring surrounds. The choices are broad, from diplomas of art in graphic art, visual arts, and ceramics to undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in fine arts or graphic design /multimedia. The choice and flexibility provides multiple pathway opportunities for students.

Graduates are making their mark in diverse ways, from public art for local businesses, to the gold medal won by a graphic design /multimedia student at New York's prestigious Art Directors Club Annual Awards. Working in a range of fields their problem-solving, analytical, team, communication and planning skills — acquired in the University's programs — are put to great use.

Enhancing the world-class teaching standards, visiting artists and designers further inspire students.

Whatever the discipline, the aim is clear — to produce graduates who can transport their skills into today's workplace and make their art work for them.







“The stage but echoes back the public voice” as English poet Samuel Johnson noted in 1747. So it is that the intrigue of the stage continues to draw a stream of students from across Australia to study performing arts at the University of Ballarat.

The Arts Academy’s focus on new work encourages interaction with the community, public, cultural development practice and the embracing of technology.

Students can opt to study a variety of programs across areas including theatre performance, music theatre or theatre production, and small companies and community theatre, lighting and sound, and music performance, equipping them with flexible skills for diverse careers.

To hone their crafts, students have inspiring facilities such as a purpose-built theatre, flexible performance spaces, several rehearsal studios for voice and dance, and a media arts space where disciplines can integrate.

‘If the art is created with the whole person,  
then the work will come out whole’ [Stephen Nachmanovitch](#)

Performing arts alumni have worked behind the scenes and performed in leading theatre, cinema, and television productions both nationally and internationally.

There are no limits to what is achievable. Students are encouraged to seek opportunities for collaboration, cross-art experimentation and research.

No matter how they choose to project their public voice, the strong grounding instilled at the Arts Academy ensures graduates will be confident, creative individuals who will make themselves heard.





# 'Art washes from the soul the dust of everyday life'

Pablo Picasso

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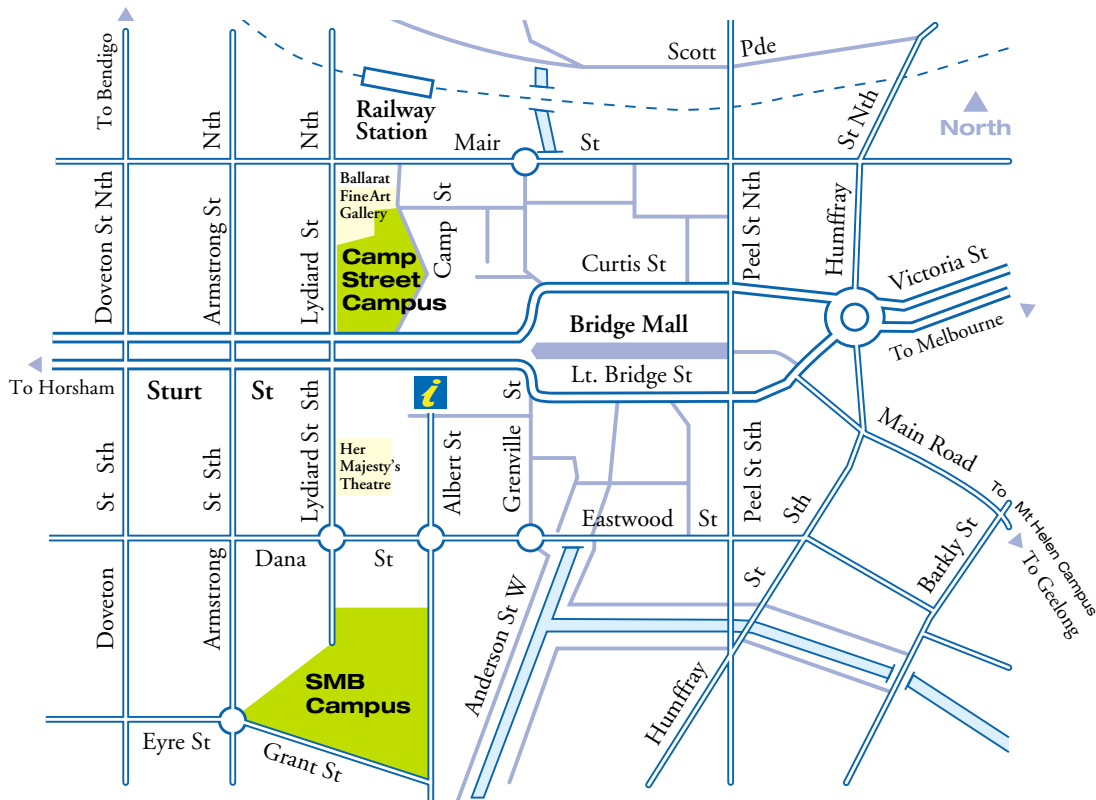
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# Area Map

