

The new generation of fashion designers to showcase their creations at Gold Coast TAFE gala event

Gold Coast get ready as the next generation of fashion designers showcase their commercial and avant-garde creations at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE (GCIT) Fashion Extravaganza on 6 October 2011.

12 fashion students will release their studio range of garments and a signature piece to earmark their name as an up and coming fashion designer on the Gold Coast.

Many of the students have already gained employment in the fashion industry and you will even find Diploma of Fashion Design graduate Jodie Paul at the Burleigh Vintage Markets selling her creative designs.

Jodie said she decided to study fashion design when the clothing style she wanted to wear wasn't available in the shops and this frustrated her to no end.

"I had the ideas in my head, but I wanted to understand how the design process worked from the idea to creating the finished product and thanks to my TAFE training I am happy to say I now know how to do that.

"I have always been interested in design and structure not only in clothing and footwear but also in buildings and cars.

"For me it's the simplest design while using quality materials that gives you the best results.
"At the moment my designs are influenced by the Japanese kimono.

"I like to mix old design features or vintage fabrics with modern elements.

"I'm really looking forward to showcasing the three designs that I have created for the fashion parade as well as a Signature garment using vintage fabrics.

"I've thoroughly enjoyed the course but now I am more excited about using what I've learnt to create amazing garments.

"I have a stall at The Village Markets called 'Red Vintage' where I sell vintage clothing and accessories, Japanese kimonos and my own designs twice a month.

"My ultimate dream is to continue to design and produce two ranges a year and eventually have a range of shoes and handbags to compliment the garments.

"My message to others who are thinking about studying fashion design is to follow your dreams," she said.

The GCIT Diploma of Fashion Design Students Fashion Parade will be held in Visions Restaurant, Level 5, D Block, GCIT Ashmore Campus, Corner Heeb and Benowa Road from 6-9pm on 6 October 2011.

Media are welcome to attend for photo and interview opportunities from 6.30 – 7.30pm

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