

SUE DODD TRANSCRIPT

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Hi, I'm Sue Dodd and I lecture in Visual Art at Victoria University. I was an artist and I still am a working artist. I've exhibited at the National Gallery of Victoria at the Ian Potter Museum; I've exhibited in Shanghai in China, in Singapore- lots of different places so I've had quite an interesting career as a visual artist. Victoria University is different from other universities because the lecturers here have a relationship with the students that is very personal and very engaged. When I work with the students I'm able to use examples from things that I've done and so basically I can give them stuff that's really relevant from real life, not from a book. In Visual Art we start out with first years basically building up a skill base so we do life drawing and painting and drawing in the second semester using a range of different art materials. It's really about building up the perceptual skills of the students and one of the nicest things that a student has ever said to me, they said 'Sue, I'm starting to see the world in a different way. I'm really starting to see things differently and to notice things that I've never noticed before.' And then in the later years we go on onto much more individually based projects. The visual language skills of the students they've built up in those first years they can apply to their ideas and their works and their passions and we try to have public outcomes for them, exhibiting their works in galleries. The most important thing as a teacher is to know your students. There's a moment when you're teaching students where they've learnt something that they didn't know before. To follow that student's progress through and to see that moment where suddenly they create this absolutely kick arse piece of art work and you just go wow, they've really learnt something here. They remember that experience and then they can build on that and take that out into the world and share that with other people. Victoria University is friendly, rigorous. We make you work really, really hard. Come and study with us. You will get a quality degree and we can really teach you something that you can use to go out there into the world and make a life for yourself.