

Diploma of Visual Arts | DVA (Level 5)

School of Visual Arts + Portfolio Guidelines

Your application should include 12 good quality A4 colour images of art works completed within the last 18 months. Your portfolio may be submitted in hardcopy, on DVD/CD rom or on a data stick. Whichever means of submitting your portfolio you use ensure that your work is clearly named and you have given us a contact phone number.

Below are some useful hints on putting your application together:

Portfolio

- If possible include a variety of examples of finished work showing your ability to work in a number of ways, in different mediums and with different methods. It will also show the selection panel possible future directions in which your artistic work might go. This is preferable to presenting a number of works that are very similar in content and execution. If however, you only have examples of works – a single media include them in your application.
- If you have them include images of pages from your workbook/s. This can be very helpful to the selection panel by showing them examples of the range of approaches you have to making art. This could include sketches, working drawings and experiments.
- Photographs of finished work need to represent the work accurately. For example, a photograph of an object that shows it clearly sitting in space is more helpful and conveys more information than a closely cropped image which shows a detail or part of the object.

Written Statement

- Describe your level of commitment and write about your enthusiasm for the subject. Let the selection panel know:
 - » Why you like art, painting, photography, sculpture, etc?
 - » What interests you about these arts practices?
 - » What appeals to you about coming to art school and study at tertiary level?
- Talk about your willingness to learn and inform the panel about:
 - » What are your current interest?
 - » What artists do you like and why?
 - » What do you want to learn about and be challenged by?

General Tip

- Make sure your application and portfolio are laid out in way that is clear easy to read and well organised.

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