“Melbourne Now is a wonderful exhibition for university students, across disciplines, to engage with the diversity of contemporary practice and thinking across the visual arts and design. While being a celebration of what is happening now in the cultural space in Melbourne, the exhibition provides extensive examples of how Australian artists and designers work in an international context; that although Australian’s may be geographically distant, the work we produce is not done so in a vacuum, a valuable lesson for all university students. The exhibition also demonstrates the diversity of media and approaches in contemporary art practice: from painting to installation, to architectural interventions and design. This diversity will enlighten and also inspire and motivate students to continue to explore and push the boundaries of their own practice and thinking. It will also illustrate how art and design can be engaged with the big issues of our time, and how it is an important voice in local, national and international debates; that art and design is an important mechanism in understanding who we are and in contributing to a more cohesive, functioning and rich society. Finally, Melbourne Now is a great opportunity for university students to see how robust, engaging and vibrant Melbourne is and how as students they can also play a role in creating the cultural aspect of this city in which we live.”

– Vincent Alessi, Director, La Trobe University Museum of Art

La Trobe University Learning Partner

Melbourne Now: A Study of a City’s Contemporary Arts

La Trobe University and NGV Summer School
Feb 5 – 7 & 12 – 14, 2014

Centered on Melbourne Now and the 400+ contributors, the NGV and La Trobe University Summer School is a great way to gain credit points towards your studies. Alternatively you can participate in the course as a member of the public and immerse yourself in an exhibition of contemporary visual arts, design, architecture, fashion, film, sound and dance while being part of an incredible event in Melbourne’s cultural and social history. Through a dynamic program of artist and designer talks, interpretation and writing workshops and exhibition viewings the Summer School will offer a unique program of engagement with leading thinkers and creative practitioners in our community.

Melbourne Now: A Study of a City’s Contemporary Arts is now booked out.

Melbourne Now Talks and Interactive Discussions

Melbourne Now An Introduction
Advance your understanding of the key ideas, themes and works in this diverse exhibition of art and design now, with an introductory walkthrough and discussion.

Melbourne Now: Zoom Sessions
Select or negotiate a theme to suit your course or study requirements. Engage with related works and contemporary ideas and issues in this tailored discussion and exhibition viewing.
- Indigenous and Pacific cultures
- Environment and sustainability
- Design
- Fashion
- Photography

Melbourne Now: Curated Tours
Download the App and choose one of 11 thematic tours designed by curators or create your own exhibition tour and share it with others.
**Melbourne Now In Focus**

**In focus - Curator and Artists/Designers Talks**
Hear from artists, designers and curators in conversation about work, materials, thinking and ideas in the creative process.

- Wed 12 Mar
  - Photography

- Thu 13 Mar
  - Fashion

- Wed 19 Mar
  - Eco-Design

- Thu 20 Mar
  - Architecture

Arrange an artist or curator talk to suit your course or studies. Minimum numbers apply.

**Ask the expert**
Take the opportunity to speak with exhibitors and experts on site with their work. Gain insight into their thinking and practice and get advice on your own ideas or for your art and design projects. Dates and times available on application. Limited places
- Product Design.
- Fashion Design.
- Eco-Design.

**Pre-service Teachers**
Learning outside of the class room can be inspiring and transformative with lifelong benefits. Explore how galleries provide opportunities for authentic learning experiences that enhance understanding of current curriculum priorities and requirements and that reach out to and connect learners with their community on a local and global level. Experience Melbourne Now and engage with contemporary art and design as rich learning resources for the Australian Curriculum, including cross curriculum priorities and general capabilities, and VCE study designs.

**Your Say**

**Click with me**
Photographer Selina Ou captures everyday people at work or in their home. For Melbourne Now, Ou has created a project for you to contribute photographs of your community as part of an historical record of Victoria in the summer of 2014.

For more information and to contribute, visit the website or download the App.

Photos selected by Selina Ou will be online at ngv.vic.gov.au/Melbourne Now and on display in Federation Court at NGV International.

**Bookings**
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