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Elaine Kwok wins \$50,000 Raffles College Provost Design Scholarship

Elaine Kwok, 18, of Breakfast Point has been named this year's winner of Raffles College of Design and Commerce's annual Provost Design Scholarship Award, which covers her full tuition fees for Raffles College's three-year Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication) degree majoring in photography.

Hong Kong-born Elaine was excited to learn she is to be presented with the award, which is worth close to \$50,000 and is granted each year to a Year 12 Australian student with outstanding creative abilities. She will begin her studies at Raffles College from Semester 1 in 2009.

Elaine took a photography subject in Year 11 at her high school, MLC Burwood, which sparked her interest in studying photography at a tertiary level.

"I loved photography class at school and I got good marks, so I started hunting for courses. I couldn't find any university courses that focused on photography, but then I found Raffles College's photography course, which seemed perfect. Then, I visited the campus in North Sydney and really liked it," Ms Kwok said.

"Up until now, I've done photography using my friends as the subjects. The portfolio I submitted for the Scholarship Award included photos from a fashion shoot I did with friends and motion shots of people skating. I also submitted a more arty African-inspired film that I made for Extension 2 English class.

"I have always had an interest in film and television. I hope to work in photography while I'm studying at Raffles College, so I can combine my hobby with my job. Maybe I'll study something to do with film and television too," she said.

CEO of Raffles College, Isaac Ng, said Ms Kwok was a perfect candidate for the scholarship as she demonstrated exceptional creative talent and can now choose to study photography as well as selecting electives from the moving image major.

"We present the Provost Design Scholarship Award each year to give an Australian school leaver the chance to fulfil their creative vision," Mr Ng said.

Raffles College of Design and Commerce in North Sydney specialises in programs in Design, Visual Communication and Commerce (from Certificate to Masters level). Study specialisations include: Fashion Design, Fashion Marketing, Games Design, Animation, Moving Image (TV & Film), Graphic Design, Interior Design, Multimedia Design, Photography, Design Management, Marketing, Tourism, Finance, Hospitality and Management.

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