

Budgeting for your course – Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication) – Photography

RCDC provides student access to computers, printers, studio facilities and equipment. However, all students are advised to purchase their own equipment. This is an industry requirement and will aid in the productivity of each student, as many assignments will need to be completed out of class hours.

Students entering the Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication) program majoring in Photography will need to acquire the following items before starting the first PH major subject of their course:

- **DSLR Camera & Lens** – capable of FULL MANUAL operation. As a rough guide, the following are some examples of semi-professional/professional cameras that we recommend: Canon 70D, Canon 7D, Canon 6D, Canon 5D, Nikon D7100, Nikon D610. The better the lens you use with your camera, the better the image quality, we recommend investing in quality lenses over top of the line camera models.
- **Memory Cards & Card Reader** – 16GB+ suitable for your camera
- **Spare Camera Battery**
- **Portable Hard Drive**
- **A3 Black Portfolio** – with acid free sleeves
- **Studio Kit** (*Required once students begin shooting in the studio*)
 - Wireless radio flash trigger/receiver OR 5m sync cord with 3.5mm jack
 - Spare Wireless radio flash trigger/receiver OR 5m sync cord with 3.5mm jack
 - USB Tethering Cable (comes with your camera + USB Extension Cord)
 - Gaffer tape
 - Masking tape
 - Blu tack
 - Fishing Line
 - Scissors
 - Stanley Knife
 - Small Torch
 - Permanent Marker
 - Hot Shoe 3D Spirit Level
 - Spare Batteries for trigger/flash/torch/camera/light meter
 - A small tool box or bag to house your studio kit
- **Light Meter**
- **Laptop** – with a minimum of 8GB of Memory (RAM), 500GB Hard Drive, 15” Screen (generally, the more RAM and the larger the hard drive, the faster!)