

## Transcript

Title: Marli shares her Film and Television experience

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My name's Marli and I decided to study film at Swinburne because I'm very interested in natural history filmmaking.

I actually chose Swinburne because I got recommended Swinburne by a film director and because out of all of the universities that teach film and television he said that Swinburne was probably - has the most number of students who were actually out in the field once they finished. So the success rate, I suppose, of good workers in the Industry came from Swinburne.

I created a short natural history documentary in my first year which, with the help of my lecturers and fellow students at Swinburne, actually made it to the Byron Bay International Film Festival in the young Australian filmmakers category. And that was really great because it kind of showed that you don't necessarily have to be an expert in the beginning to have a successful film, it's more about the support that's behind you, and I've found that in with Swinburne.

As a cinematographer, the gear is incredible actually really incredible. We have the red epic, the ARRI Alexa, we have a whole number of film cameras - 35 mil 16 millimetre film cameras and I think that really supports a diverse range of interests from different students and it also, kind of, it encourages people to experiment with the different equipment that we do have.

While I was at Swinburne I applied to go on assignment with National Geographic and Air New Zealand to Antarctica to document the scientific research efforts that New Zealand scientists are doing down on the ice in Ross Island and on the Ross Ice Shelf for scientific research efforts for climate change. That was incredible - we spent two weeks on the ice where we're talking to scientists and documenting in photography and videography documenting all the research efforts that are going on down there.

The most important thing I think I've learnt at Swinburne is that if you do have a good reputation and you do respect people in the Industry then that will really serve you well in the long term.

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