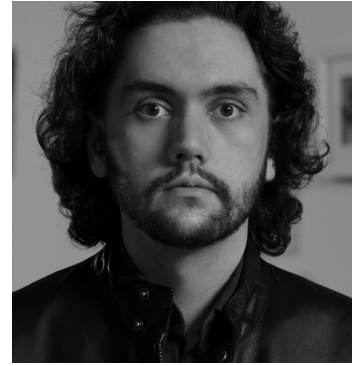


# Paul Robinson

## Artist

HSC Year: 2005

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## Training

- Applied and got in to Newcastle University for a Bachelor of IT, but was unable to go due to being sick (was sent to Sydney to have surgery a week before I was due to leave for Newcastle).

## Jobs

- 2007-2011: Freelance artist doing point of purchase display concepts for companies such as Caltex, Coca-Cola and Harvey Norman.
- 2010 - 2012: Freelance artist doing work by commission.
- 2011 - Present: I operate my own online store selling jewellery I've designed and have made around \$13,000 in the last 12 months

## What are you doing now?

A little precursor, I got sick half way through Year 12 but didn't realise the seriousness of it and pushed on with the HSC. At the end of December I went into hospital to have the first of what would be 5 operations over the next 2 years. It took the better part of another 3 years to heal from those surgeries and I'm still on quite a bit of medication which is keeping me in Taree for the foreseeable future.

I've had several jobs over the last 6 or so years (as above) that have allowed me to work from home and make a living for myself. I am now looking to move into the film making business. I made a short film last year and hope to make another couple this year. I haven't made any decisions about any kind of film school as yet. I may try a different route to get into the business.

## Memories from Chatham High

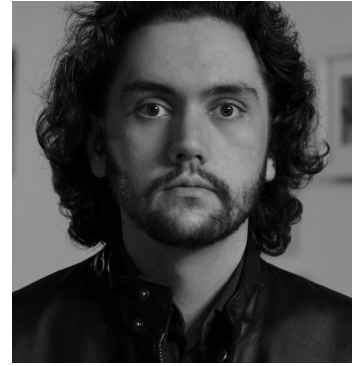
I remember we almost weren't allowed to have a year 12 muck up day, but we promised to do harmless stuff. Being a part of filling up Mr Fitzpatrick's office with balloons and turning around all the desks in D Block was a lot of fun.

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## Tips for Students

### ***During HSC***

Don't stress yourself out too much about it all, I did, and it didn't help me any. Just realise that the HSC is a small part of your life and that if things don't work out the way you had hoped, there are plenty of other ways to get where you're going. It's not the be all and end all of life.

### ***Going to Uni***

While I didn't actually go to Uni I do have one suggestion. Make sure you choose the right course. I was all set to do Information Technology, but realised later on (mostly through my brother's experiences, who was doing the same course) that it was not what I wanted to do. If I could go back to then I'd be looking at film related courses, not IT. So do your best to choose the best course for what you want to do.

### ***Getting a Job***

I've found in the jobs that I've gotten that the employers don't always care if you have a piece of paper. If you can prove through your work that you know how to do the job and can do it well, that'll increase your chances. Even if you have to teach yourself (I'm almost 100% self taught in all I've done) there are ways to get where you want to go.