

I like drawing and I'd like to be great at it

If you like to draw but you don't think you're good enough to make a living out of it – think again.

Just like every other activity, your skills can be improved as you learn basic principles and get some practice. The key to learning to draw, just like learning to write, is good basic instruction and then working until you own it ...

practice ... practice ... practice

There are many tutorials available on-line.

Some careers in art

- Graphic design
- Web design
- Animation
- Game design
- Motion picture
- Architecture
- Fashion design
- Tattoo design
- Custom car painting



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Friendships are important

Friendships are important to us as they help us feel connected and supported. However, sometimes we find ourselves in situations where our friends pressure us to do things we normally wouldn't do like acting in a certain way or skipping school. We might feel pressured to do these things because we want to fit in or get someone's approval but at the same time it can make us feel uncomfortable. This is considered negative peer pressure and can be damaging to your friendships as well as impact on your mental health and wellbeing. On the other side, positive peer pressure from friends can help us kick a bad habit or encourage us to take on something that we are good at.

Some of the ways to avoid negative peer pressure are:

- Value common interests – hang out with those who like doing similar things
- Say no – it can be really hard to do, but can feel really good
- Try not to judge others – respecting someone else's choice may help them respect yours.

But if things are getting serious, and you are in a situation where you being pressured into something that you are really uncomfortable with, you need to tell someone! Try a family member, friend, teacher, counsellor.

There are a number of organisations and online resources who might be able to assist you:

- Headspace <http://www.headspace.org.au/>
- Reach Out <http://au.reachout.com/>



STREET ART

Where graffiti is done in a legal space, it is referred to as **urban art** or **street art**



It's trendy

Graffiti style art is becoming more popular and people are prepared to pay for it these days.



Graffiti artists are increasingly being commissioned to paint entire walls for home and business owners as well as large canvases and custom work.



The cost

The money spent by Council on graffiti removal could be spent on things like community art projects, free concerts, youth spaces and other cool things.



Major utilities like Telstra, Powercor and water authorities all pass on the additional costs of graffiti removal to their customers ...

... you and your family



Graffiti vandalism

Graffiti vandalism is defined as 'writing, drawing or symbols applied to any surface without the permission of the property owner'.

It includes tagging, etching, stencils, throw-ups and pieces.

Penalties for graffiti vandalism

- Up to 2 years prison
- Maximum fine of over \$34,000
- Just for possessing a marker or spray can you are risking a fine of \$722

You could be searched

Police can search you if they suspect that you are in possession of a spray paint can. They can search you (without a warrant) if you are on or near public transport property or you are trespassing on private property.

A criminal conviction might stop you from:

- Getting a job
- Travelling overseas