

# PARRAMATTA ARTISTS' STUDIOS

## **2020 STUDIO APPLICATION INFORMATION**

Parramatta Artists' Studios invites applications for 6 and 12-month studio tenancies in 2020. Studios are available from 2 December 2019 to 29 November 2020.



Tom Blake's studio, 2019. Photo by Jacquie Manning

## ABOUT PARRAMATTA ARTISTS' STUDIOS

The energetic home for creative production in the centre of Western Sydney, Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS) has supported hundreds of artists since opening in 2006. PAS provides a supportive studio environment for artists to develop their practices, whilst also connecting them with a community of peers and arts professionals.

In 2019, PAS expanded to open an additional studio facility in Rydalmere containing six warehouse-style studios. This new space focuses on engaging artists beyond an emerging career stage and re-engages with former PAS studio artists to contribute to career sustainability.

From our studios in Parramatta and Rydalmere, artists make, connect and find inspiration in this fast-growing location. Through PAS' creative programs, our artists engage with Parramatta and the wider community, contributing significantly to its vibrant culture.

## ABOUT THE STUDIO PROGRAM

The studio program of Parramatta Artists' Studios (PAS) offers studios to artists from Parramatta, Western Sydney and Greater Sydney.

The program supports artists from diverse practices and across career stages, and cultivates a supportive environment for artists to progress their careers by providing:

- professional studio spaces in the Parramatta CBD
- professional development programs including curatorial visits
- a community and network of artists and arts workers
- opportunities to connect with artistic and local communities through public programs
- subsidised rent to support sustainable artist careers

Please visit our webpage for more information about our annual program of events and activities:  
[parramattastudios.com.au](http://parramattastudios.com.au)

# STUDIO INFORMATION

## No. of studios available:

Thirteen (13) studios in the one location.

## Studio tenancy length:

1-year tenancies and 6-month tenancies.

## Studio dates:

1-year tenancy period is from 2 December 2019 to 29 November 2020.

6-month tenancy periods are from 2 December 2019 to 31 May 2020 or 1 June 2020 to 29 November 2020.

## Studio location:

Level 1 & Level 2, 68 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.  
Please note, applications for our Rydalmere studios are not currently open.

## Studio description:

- sizes range from approx. 15 to 35 sqm
- discrete lockable spaces
- carpeted floors, one studio with vinyl flooring
- power provided
- good natural light as well as fluorescent and/or LED lights
- air-conditioned and one openable window per studio
- five studios have standard ventilation fans
- not acoustically treated, thus noise-generating artistic processes are not suitable
- gyprock and masonry walls
- 24-hour access
- non-residential
- work tables and chairs provided for each studio

## Access information:

- Parramatta Artists' Studios is located on levels 1 and 2 at 68 Macquarie Street, Parramatta.
- Entry is via a ramp and automatic glass doors on the ground level.
- There is lift access to levels 1 and 2.
- There is an accessible toilet on the ground level, which requires a staff pass.
- Carers are welcome. Assistance animals are welcome and drinking water is available.
- Our premises are heated and air-conditioned.
- There is mixture of flicker free LED lights and fluorescent lighting in the studios and the building.
- PAS is located within 5 minute's walking distance from Parramatta train and bus terminal as well as 10 minutes from the Parramatta Ferry Wharf.
- Affordable car parking is available within the immediate area.
- There are mobility car spaces on Macquarie Street, near Marsden Street with additional paid mobility car spaces at the City Centre Car Park, 71 George Street, Parramatta (enter via Horwood Place).

**If you have any questions about access, please contact us on the details below.**

## Weekly fee:

Ranging from approx. \$24 to \$35 per week according to size. Fees subject to change.

## Shared facilities:

Paint and chemical sink, kitchen, bathrooms, communal area and one shared car spot for loading/unloading.

## Equipment access:

Screens, projectors, DSLR camera, easels and wifi connection.

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete an online application form including the following information:

- Current Artistic Practice
- Outcomes of Studio Use
- Contribution to Public Programs
- Artist CV
- Up to 10 examples of current work

Access the application form here: <https://parracity.smartygrants.com.au/PAS2020studioapplications>

## ELIGIBILITY

Applications are open to:

- Artists from all disciplines, including but not limited to: painting, digital media, photography, performance, sculpture and writing
- Artists from Parramatta, Western Sydney and across Greater Sydney
- Applicants of 18-years or above
- Post-graduate students. NB: Applications from undergraduate students will only be considered if a studio is not supplied as part of their course.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- Quality of work and originality of ideas.
- Value of a studio to the development of the artist/s.
- Value of contribution to the public program of PAS & City of Parramatta.
- Suitability of art form for a studio space.

Allocation of studios is undertaken by a Selection Committee established by City of Parramatta. The Committee includes a practising artist, the PAS Director, an external arts industry representative and a City of Parramatta representative.

## KEY DATES

Applications open – 23 July 2019

Applications close – 9 September, AEST midnight

Applicants notified – 1 October 2019

Studio tenancies commence – 2 December 2019 or 1 June 2020 (6-month tenancy only)

## MORE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

### Information session

Learn more about the PAS Studio Program and get tips direct from PAS staff about how to apply for a 2020 studio.

Thursday 8 August, 6-8pm

Please RSVP via Eventbrite: <https://pas-info-session.eventbrite.com.au/>

### One-on-one sessions

Book in for a 20 minute one-on-one session to discuss your application with a PAS staff member.

Tuesday 13 August, 2:30-5pm

Thursday 22 August, 2:30-5pm

Please register via Eventbrite to secure your place: <https://pas-app-feedback.eventbrite.com.au>

## GET IN TOUCH

Our staff are available via email or phone to answer your questions.

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