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The Cut Above Difference



Industry Connections

Our strong connections with big names in the hair and makeup industries ensure that when you graduate from Cut Above, you already know who's who.

The Best Brands

Work with well-known brands and top-quality products, like GHD and Wella.

Real Experience

Our hairdressing and barbering students get to hone their skills on real clients in our on-site salon.

Job Opportunities

Cut Above courses open up a wide range of job opportunities in the world of hairdressing, barbering and makeup.

You're in Safe Hands

We've been awarded Category One status by NZQA, which is the highest status that can be awarded to an education provider by the government.

Meet Likeminded People

Our tutors and other students are just like you. We embrace individuality and work hard to ensure our campus is an inclusive and welcoming place.

Transform your passion into a creative career.

Cut Above Academy has been giving students the skills they need to make it big in the world of hairdressing, barbering and makeup for more than 40 years. Our courses are practical, fun, engaging and led by the best trainers in the industry.

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our Courses

Hairdressing

Level 2

16 Weeks

New Zealand Certificate in Salon Skills

This fees free* course is perfect for anyone looking to take their first step into the industry. We'll teach you introductory skills in hairdressing, barbering, special effects and makeup.

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Level 3

32 Weeks

New Zealand Certificate in Hairdressing (Salon Support)

Work side-by-side with some of our top trainers, then on real clients in our on-site salon. Delve deeper into your technical skills toolbox as well as learning communication skills and sales techniques.

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32 Weeks

Hairdressing Emerging Stylist

Learn to build your brand as a stylist while you master complex styling and cutting techniques.

Barbering

Level

32 Weeks

New Zealand Certificate in Commercial Barbering

Master your cut throats, lineouts and fades. Practicing in our on-site barbershop, you'll have your clients' hair and beards executed to perfection!

Hone your

hairdressing,

barbering or

skills in

makeup.

Makeup

Level

32 Weeks

Professional Makeup Artistry for Fashion, Film & Media

Level up your makeup skills and delve deeper into the massive business of makeup artistry. Get the chance to work on theatre productions and fashion shows before you even graduate.

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Level 5

32 Weeks

Diploma in Special Effects and Prosthetic Makeup Artistry

Get the advanced skills you'll need to excel as a freelance makeup and special effects artist for catwalk, studio, advertising, film & television.



Why Our Students Love Cut Above





When I am in the classroom it feels like home. Coming to class every morning is the best... When I finish my course, I want to start my own freelance makeup business.



Gloria Teputepu Makeup



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Talk to us about our Fees-Free study options.

*Entry requirements, terms and conditions apply. For more information on our free study options, visit cutabove.ac.nz.

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