

# Guide to purchasing a Digital SLR Camera



Students require their own 35mm Digital SLR camera to study at Photography Studies College. As searching for a camera can be confusing, we have compiled a guide containing recommended models and suggested retailers to help you select a camera.

## PSC recommended camera types

Nikon D80	10.2 MP	Body Only	\$1100
Nikon D90	12.3 MP	Body Only	\$1700
Nikon D300	12.3 MP	Body Only	\$2400
Nikon D700	12.1 MP	Body Only	\$3800
Canon 450D	12.2 MP	Body Only	\$1050
Canon 40D	10.1 MP	Body Only	\$1299
Canon 50D	15.1 MP	Body Only	\$1900
Canon 5D	12.8 MP	Body Only	\$3499

## PSC recommended lenses

18-105mm f3.5-5.6 ED VD
24-70mm f2.8 G ED
24-120mm f3.5-5.6 G IF ED
24-85mm f2.8-4 D IF
24-70mm f2.3 L USM
24-106mm f4 L IS USM
28-138mm f3.5-5.6 IS USM
24-85mm f3.5-4.5 USM

Please note that we have only listed the full price of camera bodies (as a guide only). **Student discounts** will often save hundreds! Please avoid 'kit lenses' when purchasing a camera, as these are lower quality and are not used professionally. The list of lenses above will add around \$200-\$500 on top of the 'Body Only' price (note: it is much cheaper to buy camera and a lens together).

Other camera manufacturers such as Pentax, Sony and Olympus also manufacture Digital SLR cameras. However despite their lower prices, they are not widely used professionally.

## PSC recommended camera stores (student discount and second hand models may be available)

Camera Exchange	389 Lonsdale Street, City	Ph: 9670 1929
Camera Action	217 Elizabeth Street, City	Ph: 9670 6901
Camera Lane	391 Little Bourke Street, City	Ph: 9670 0560
Michaels	Cnr Elizabeth & Lonsdale, City	Ph: 9672 2296
Teds	235 Elizabeth Street, City	Ph: 9602 3733

## For comparisons on camera models, competitive prices and reviews visit online

(Please read all warranty terms on the websites i.e. damaged equipment may have to be shipped back to country of purchase.)

[www.dpreview.com/reviews/sidebyside.asp](http://www.dpreview.com/reviews/sidebyside.asp)

[www.betterdigitalonline.com](http://www.betterdigitalonline.com)

[www.digitalrev.com](http://www.digitalrev.com) (Hong Kong Seller)

[www.bhphoto.com](http://www.bhphoto.com) (American Seller)

[www.photobuff.com.au](http://www.photobuff.com.au)

\*Please note: All above prices are a guide only. Last updated January 2009.