



The making of *Norman* : Sydney Film School students on set

Students like the bewildered South African student, who, despite her initial shock, went on to thrive at the school. Sydney Film School is not merely a place of study for its students, but it is also a haven for those seeking complete self-development in the art of filmmaking.

"It is a community of filmmakers pursuing filmmaking with the courage to tell personal and challenging stories, with the curiosity to tell them in new and interesting ways, and with compassion for each other and their subject matter," says Ben Ferris, co-founder and Kurosawa Short Film Festival Grand Prix winner for *The Kitchen*, currently in Cannes.

"Young people do not mind being in a place that is rough around the edges, not too sterilised," says King

