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Showcasing young models, designers and photographers from Australia, UK and the US
About us ...

• INCLUSION • DIVERSITY • KINDNESS

Katwalk Kids Fashion Magazine was started in 2019 off the back of the charity I founded and now run with a wonderful committee of women and men alike. The aim of this magazine, like the ‘Katwalk for Kids’ Charity, is to promote inclusion and diversity within the children’s modelling industry, whilst also supporting the world’s most popular child models.

After experiencing the difficulties of disability and ill health of a child first hand, it made me realise how much acceptance and understanding is needed and what a difference it can have on children’s lives and mental health as well as their families.

The idea for Katwalk for Kids charity fashion parade came along and we had our second year in 2018. The charity is sponsored by local and international designers and businesses. and children of all ages and abilities are encouraged to be part of our event, from those who are successful models to our very special little girl in her wheelchair.

The joy and happiness on the faces of the all the kids when they get to walk down the catwalk is something that melts the hearts of everyone involved. They feel valued, have a sense of belonging, enjoy meeting new friends and just being the star for a day! Every ounce of work that goes in to the show is worth what they get from it!

Katwalk Fashion Magazine is a product of our ideals and an effort to make a difference, with children from all backgrounds and walks of life our focus. We will target everything in children’s fashion - wonderful photography, designers, a platform for models to promote themselves, stories, interviews and more!

WE ARE FASHION BRINGING CHILDREN TOGETHER!

I really hope you enjoy our magazine!

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Chloe Akehurst is this month’s EVERY DAY HERO

AGE: 15
FROM: Gold Coast, Australia

Chloe is a sufferer of a rare condition called Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE). The condition comes with a compromised immune system of which Chloe was the 5th person in Australia and the first child to be diagnosed. She is the youngest of 4 children and has three older brothers.

At 20 months old, Chloe began to suffer with health issues and would not sleep. Because her father was diagnosed with Coeliac Disease, all of the children were given blood tests. Chloe’s test came back as a false positive and to make a true diagnosis, an endoscopy and biopsy needed to be performed.

After surgery and within 20 minutes of leaving the hospital the doctor was on the phone asking her to be returned straight away. They had found that Chloe suffered from EoE.

MODEL: Chloe Akehurst
@chloe_jessica_akehurst
AGE: 15
PHOTOGRAPHER: Peter Tanner
As the condition was rare, not too much information was available. Chloe was solely fed through a feeding tube called a PEG, a device implanted into her stomach from the outside in. Her PEG was inserted when she was 26 months old and removed when she was 10 years old. Chloe has spent alot of time in hospital and consequently missed out on a lot of school.

Knowing that with her PEG contact sports were out of the question for Chloe, we went to PCYC and found the staff at the Broadbeach club very welcoming and to be accepting of Chloe’s condition. It was here that she came to discover her love for gymnastics and dance.

Chloe was actually quite talented at these sports! She started dance and cheerleading at Ikin Dance. Once her PEG was removed, she began competitive cheerleading at ZACS Allstars Cheer and has continued since.

This year Chloe will be cheering with Cheer Power Extreme in Ipswich in their Open Level 6 team. The team will compete at various competitions this year on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane, leading up to the late November Nationals in Melbourne.

* Chloe’s mum runs the ‘No Limits Cheer & Dance’ (NLCD).

MODEL: Chloe Akehurst
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AGE: 15
PHOTOGRAPHER: Tammy Oliver
Our chat with Chloe ...

Why do you like modelling?
I like the challenges it presents when I’m asked to "pull off" a certain look. I also like being directed by the photographers & designers to achieve their ideas. I like to dress up as well and have input into the brief of the theme of the photo shoot. I love seeing the end product too.

How long have you been modelling?
Since I was 7. I entered a talent competition which took me to Orlando in the USA where I participated in workshops for both modelling and acting and I continued doing this back in Australia along with dancing & cheerleading.

What would you like to be when you grow up?
I am aiming to be a primary school teacher. This year I am in year 10 and organised my own work experience and traineeship at a daycare centre so that I can complete my Cert III in early childhood education, along with also completing my Certificate III in dance so this can be my speciality class once I complete my teaching degree.

Do you have any pets?
Yes! an English Staffy called Boof.

What do you like to do on the weekends?
I love playing with my 2yro nephew Taj. If I’m at a cheer or dance competition I like going to the beach and hanging out with my friends.

If you could change anything in the world what would it be?
That people were nicer to each other.

Who are your biggest supporters?
My mum is my number one supporter by far, probably followed closely by my Nanny Robyn.

Is there anything else you would like to share?
Just that you should chase your dreams and don’t let anyone stop you from doing what you want to do in life. Listen to your own gut and not what others tell you. Be your own boss!