

● **STYLE GURU**

# Sizing up mall comers

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Imagine your office is a shopping mall and your job is making people look good.

That's the case for Westfield stylist Tanja Mrnjaus.

**How busy is your inbox?**

Styling is the type of job where I always have people emailing, calling, walking in from the mall because they've been wandering for three hours and haven't found anything.

You have to be very approachable.

**Does anything shock you?**

We get a lot of mums bringing their young daughters in.

I think they freak out and think "is my child going to dress like this forever?"

But I believe you can be too young to be styled. At that age, you need to make mistakes and have fun experimenting.

I have told mums their daughter is still a bit young.

**At 5pm on Friday, what are you doing?**

Probably still working. We have a great team of stylists and when we can, we love getting out and finding

places to have a bite to eat.

As stylists, it's important for us to be out and about, taking inspiration from street style, magazines, international fashion magazines and what's coming up in the stores.

In that sense, I'm always working – always watching.

**How do I get your job?**

I am really passionate about mentoring young stylists and helping them get into the industry.

We always have about five interns with us, but there will usually only be one or two who really show initiative.

People think it's glamorous, and it's all models and fashion, but the truth isn't so glamorous.

You need to be happy talking to all sorts of people, and thinking on your feet whether she's size 6 or a size 22.

**Where do you hope to go to from here?**

I've been styling six years now, and I've come to a point where I can choose who I work with.

Westfield is great because it's styling for everyday women.



Stylist Tanja Mrnjaus says she is always looking for inspiration. Picture: JEFF CAMDEN

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