

Beaches lure for TV hopeful

SHE might be trying to land a job in LA but TV host Carissa Walford wants to live on the northern beaches.

The former Channel V presenter and Sydney "It" girl, who has interviewed A-listers including Justin Bieber and One Direction, has bought a unit close to Dee Why Beach (inset) and reckons the peninsula is better than her old haunt, Bondi.

Walford, 28, originally from western Sydney, frequents the beaches with her boyfriend, filmmaker Luke Farquhar.

Long Reef, Bungan Beach and Bower Point are her favourite spots, while one day she wants to live at A-list favourite Palm Beach.

"I love the northern beaches. I always have," she said.

"The east is great but there's just something I connect with this side. I come here at least once a week - and the surf's better.

"I was able to afford something around here - and I've made money already."

States' job the big aim for Carissa

Walford is working on getting a TV job in the States and is back and forth for meetings and auditions.

She went over in January but so far she said she hadn't been snapped up.

"I'm trying to get a job doing what I do here, hosting in music or fashion," she said. "There's so many different channels out there. I really want to sink my teeth in.

"I've had a bunch of meetings. Americans are really positive - they're all about bringing you up - almost leading you on a little bit but in a great way, because you feel really good about yourself.

"It gives you that motivation and gets you inspired to keep going."

And while she is not working the LA red carpet yet she has done plenty of celeb spotting.

"I saw Taylor Swift at Chateau Marmont. She just walked in. I was going to go up to her but I thought, no. I just sat and observed," she said.

Walford's also an ambassador for sick kids charity Starlight and will be involved in Starlight Day on May 6.

She said it was a huge honour to visit the children at Starlight Rooms at Randwick and Westmead hospitals. "They can forget about everything they're going through," she said.

A flick through Walford's Instagram page reveals a glam life packed with designer frocks and glamorous selfies. But Walford, who trains daily at F45 gym, said it was not all like that.

She also loves her activewear and is having laser treatment on her skin to combat spots and scarring.

And despite posting selfies with A-listers such as Amy Schumer and Kelly Osbourne, she said she did not really have any celeb friends, except model Bambi Northwood Blyth.

