INTRODUCTION

You’re the most important and influential person in your teen’s life. When it comes to study and career options they may look to their peers, careers advisors and teachers for advice, however it’s you who can truly guide their ambition.

The conversation around study and careers is an ongoing one and we know that there is a lot of pressure and anxiety when it comes to choosing a career path – for both your teen and yourself.

We’ve prepared this guide for you to take some of the guesswork out of what TAFE NSW can deliver, how you can help your teen choose the right course and how to take advantage of the support services we have in place that encourage your ‘s success.

FAST FACT

Training for one job will give a student skills for 13 other jobs.

(Source: fya.org.au)
6 REASONS TO CHOOSE TAFE NSW

1. BE JOB READY
   Get practical skills and work experience.

2. BE EMPLOYED
   Connect with over 25,000 employers.

3. BE SMART WITH YOUR MONEY
   Affordable courses subsidised by government funding.
   (subject to eligibility)

4. BE IN CONTROL
   Study online or at one of 130 NSW locations.

5. BE CONNECTED
   With direct pathways to university and further study.

6. BE WHATEVER YOU WANT TO BE
   Choose from over 1,200 courses, certificates, diplomas and degrees.
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TAFE NSW offers over 1,200 courses with a wide range of study options from online courses to diplomas and degrees, training and full-time education.
LOCATIONS

TAFE NSW has 130 locations across the state.

Browse all locations at tafensw.edu.au/locations or click the map below to be connected!

YOUR NEW WORLD CLASS DIGITALLY ENABLED CAMPUS

TAFE NSW’s Connected Learning Centres (CLCs) provide students and employers across regional NSW, with greater choice and better access to world-class, learning opportunities.

Check out the virtual TAFE NSW Connected Learning Centres – 360 concept animation today.

POP-UP TRAINING PODS

TAFE NSW has developed Mobile Training Units using Portable Onsite Delivery Spaces (PODS) for customised training across the state. Built to provide access to training which was previous unavailable, future PODS will provide mobile training opportunities where they are needed most.
PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

TAFE NSW pathways are a great way to fast track your teen’s career. The pathway that they choose will depend on their skills and experience and of course their career goals.

**TAFE NSW FOR SCHOOLS: TVET**

- **PRE-TRAINEESHIP**
- **PRE-APPRENTICESHIP**

**CERTIFICATE I**
Basic skills to get into the workforce or try out a new profession or trade.

**CERTIFICATE II**
Build on introductory skills to perform tasks under supervision in the workplace.

**CERTIFICATE III**
Understand theory and develop technical skills to work without supervision.

**CERTIFICATE IV**
Learn to supervise others and gain specialist skills in a profession.

**DIPLOMA**
Skills and in-depth knowledge for paraprofessional work, and degree study.

**ADVANCED DIPLOMA**
Skills and in-depth knowledge for high-level or paraprofessional work, and degree study.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
Technical and theoretical knowledge for high-level or paraprofessional work, and degree study.

**BACHELOR DEGREE**
A high level of specialist knowledge and practical skills required for professional roles.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**
For professional, highly skilled work, and a pathway for further learning.

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA**
For professional, highly skilled work, and a pathway for further learning.

**TRAINEE**
Earn money while studying and learn practical skills specific to a trade.

**APPRENTICESHIP**

**SKILL SET/STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT**
Training in one or more units from one of the qualifications to the left. The study level will vary depending on the course.

**Transition into a bachelor degree with credit.**
Benefit from direct entry and graduate with multiple qualifications.

**CAREER**
Earn money while studying and learn practical skills specific to a trade.

Benefit from direct entry and graduate with multiple qualifications.
FIND YOUR PERFECT CAREER

1. Download the ‘Be Ambitious’ app.
2. Swipe to be matched to your perfect career area.
3. Learn about careers suited to your interests.
4. Scan the TAFE NSW 2019 Career Guide to unlock more great content about your chosen careers.
**THE ESSENTIALS A-Z**

**Apprenticeships and traineeships**

Apprenticeships and traineeships combine paid work and structured training so students can earn while they learn a trade or workplace skill, and receive a nationally recognised VET qualification.

Your teen can be doing what they love with our School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs) that combine paid work with structured training and school, so they can also gain their HSC.

**Credit for school studies**

Some school subjects can provide credit towards a TAFE NSW qualification.

This means that your teen may be able to decrease the number of units and study time required to complete their course.

School subjects that may be recognised include:

- TVET subjects to get ahead of the pack and get a taste for an industry area (i.e. nationally recognised units from Training Packages or Accredited Courses);
- HSC subjects developed by the NSW Education Standards Authority. These subjects include a range of industry areas and students will have to show that they have successfully completed these studies in the last five years. They’ll also need to discuss with TAFE NSW staff what credit they can use towards their course.

**Enrolling at TAFE NSW**

It’s easy:

1. Choose your course and where you want to study.
2. Assess your eligibility.
3. Get your Unique Student Identifier (USI).
4. Register, apply or enrol.

The exact process will depend on the course and prerequisites.

**Fees**

Studying with TAFE NSW is an outstanding investment in your teenager’s future and we have a variety of payment and scholarship options available to make it even more affordable for you or your teen.

Fees have a range of criteria and are different for each individual student and course.

Learn more about TAFE NSW fees.

**Financial help**

Your teen may be eligible for Austudy – government financial help for students – from Centrelink.

Learn more about applying for Austudy.

Learn more about payment funding.

Learn more about payment options for easy enrolment.

**Scholarships**

Everyone deserves the opportunity to explore their talents and to fulfil their potential. That’s why we promote a number of scholarship opportunities to our students.

Learn more about scholarships.

**DID YOU KNOW**

The average high school student today will have 17 jobs in five different industries over their career.

Source: fya.org.au
TAFE Digital

TAFE Digital is the largest online education provider in Australia. We allow access to high quality online training so that your teen can gain a nationally recognised qualification in their area of interest.

Our inclusive digital environment not only allows easy access to extensive learning resources from across TAFE NSW, but real-time interaction with teachers and fellow online students via our live virtual classrooms, forums and chat bots.


Year 10 students

New South Wales requires your teen to complete school up to Year 10 and then to continue in either:

- education
- paid employment
- training
- or a combination of these until they reach the age of 17.

If your teen decides to leave school before the age of 17, school and parental consent must be given.

Full-time VET qualifications

If your teen has completed Year 10, they’re eligible to study a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses full-time at TAFE NSW. We offer an extensive choice of over 1,200 to choose from, many requiring little or no previous experience.

I WASN'T REALLY INTO THE WHOLE UNIVERSITY ATMOSPHERE WHERE EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE COMPETING. AT TAFE, EVERYONE KINDA HELPS EACH OTHER. IT'S MUCH MORE SUPPORTIVE.

Jesse Skinner, Bachelor of 3D Art and Animation

Year 12 students

If your teen has completed, or is about to complete, their Higher School Certificate (HSC) then TAFE NSW can offer them:

- Full-time and part-time courses, within a huge range of career areas, to give them the workplace skills and qualifications employers are looking for.
- Diploma and Advanced Diploma courses that may provide credit towards a university degree.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships, which combine formal studies with work and on-the-job training. Earn from day one, be in huge demand and gather less debt. Employability, earnings and skills relevance are on par with university outcomes.
- Pre-apprenticeship short courses that can give them the skills they need to help them enter the workforce.

TAFE NSW offers a range of other qualifications, including Association and Bachelor Degrees and Graduate Certificates.

Our practical and hands-on degrees are focused on skills to use in the real world. And best of all, ATAR is not needed to start studying.
Aboriginal student support
Aboriginal staff can assist with everything from enrolment to study. We can also give advice on applying for fee exemptions and scholarships, as well as provide mentoring to support you and your teen throughout their TAFE NSW course.

Learn more about our Aboriginal student support

Accessibility and disability services
TAFE NSW provides a range of accessibility and disability support services to assist with the various facets of enrolment and learning.

Career planning
If your teen is not sure where to start, talk to them about the courses and careers that may interest them and encourage them to gain work experience in these areas.

Make sure that you and your teen come along to our Open Days, information sessions or Taste of TAFE workshops.

Use our BE AMBITIOUS career matchmaking app or make an appointment to chat with our Careers Counsellors at your local campus.

Download the app from App Store or Google Play

Careers counselling
Our TAFE NSW Counsellors provide support for enrolled and future students.

We can help with:
- Choosing the right course
- Career planning
- Getting the best from a course
- Planning the next step
- Employment
- Personal counselling, referral and support

Learn more about our counselling and career development services.

International students
International Student Coordinators are able to offer advice, support and referral services to assist your teen during their studies and help them to achieve their education goals. This will ensure their time in Australia is both rewarding and enjoyable.

Learn more about our International student support

Learning support
TAFE NSW provides valuable learner support at our ‘drop-in’ or flexible learning centres, in small groups or one-to-one, as well as access to online support via YourTutor.

Library services
Libraries at TAFE NSW provide a welcoming space where students can comfortably read, study, meet for group work or use a variety of learning resources.

Our libraries provide a supportive learning environment with friendly, qualified library staff who are here to with:
- Resources and information
- Internet access including WiFi
- Printing and photocopying facilities
- Online databases and eBooks
- TAFE NSW catalogue with resources across the state
- Libguide - an online subject guide

Learn more about our Library services
Multicultural support
TAFE NSW guides and supports the vocational education and training needs of students from diverse communities. Specialist staff also provide targeted programs to meet the needs of students for whom English is not a first language.

Whatever the needs or circumstances, we have the people, the resources, the counselling and the facilities to help people focus on their studies and training.

Learn more about our Multicultural student support

Personal counselling
TAFE NSW students are able to meet with a counsellor to discuss any study or personal matters, completely free of charge, as well as help to refer them to other legal, health, or financial services.

Learn more about our Personal counselling and wellbeing services

Student support services
When your teen becomes part of the TAFE NSW community, they will never be alone. They can get help and assistance with nearly every aspect of their study life - from study support and student resources, to counselling, guidance, and help finding jobs or accommodation.

Learn more about our Student Support services

COMING TO TAFE WAS A MUCH BETTER FIT FOR ME BECAUSE I WAS REALLY ABLE TO BE ONE-ON-ONE WITH TEACHERS AND IT WAS A MUCH MORE INTIMATE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT, WHICH REALLY BENEFITED ME AS A STUDENT.

Olivia Groome, Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)

Student life
When your teen enrols at TAFE NSW, they become a part of our vibrant student community, and our student associations help bring that community together. The TAFE NSW student associations are non-political and not-for-profit organisations, dedicated to making campus life better.

The Student Association provides facilities, services and activities for members at many of our campuses which can include:

- job placement service
- amenities such as lockers, payphones and vending machines
- social and cultural activities and events
- sporting facilities and activities
- photocopying, printing and car parking discounts.
MAKING THE TRANSITION TO TAFE NSW

It can be daunting for students who are transitioning from school to further study. Here are some tips to make the transition smooth and stress free!

HABITS FOR A LIFETIME
Build a daily routine, with time for study and revision and free from smartphones and other distractions.

SAVE THE STRESS
A timetable that shows when assignments are due and when to start preparing is essential. This will keep your teen from falling behind and then rushing to complete on time.

BE PREPARED
Help your teen to develop an exam calendar and encourage them to plan ahead and make sure that they develop regular revision blocks for each subject.

BREAK IT DOWN
You don’t want your teen to be overwhelmed, so we suggest encouraging them to break assessments or projects into smaller, more manageable tasks based on importance and urgency.

BRAIN FOOD
Eating healthy, sleeping well and exercising each day is proven to help improve mood, concentration and study.

READY TO GUIDE THEIR AMBITION?

Take the next step today.
Phone: 131 601
Email: courses@tafensw.edu.au
Visit: tafensw.edu.au/ambition to download a tailored career guide to your or your teen’s inbox

You or your teen can snap this icon to unlock their future! #TAFENSW

Download our free Be Ambitious Career Match Making app from App Store or Google Play

Click the icon to connect with us on social media:

FACT

TAFE NSW GRADUATES EARN HIGHER WAGES

THE MEDIAN FULL-TIME INCOME

$56K FOR A TAFE NSW GRADUATE
$54K FOR A STUDENT COMPLETING A BACHELOR DEGREE AT UNIVERSITY


2019 KEY DATES

Semester 1:
Information Week: 21-25 January
Term 1: 4 February - 14 April
Term 2: 29 April - 23 June

Semester 2:
Information Week: 24-28 June
Term 3: 22 July - 29 September
Term 4: 14 October - 8 December

Note: Dates are subject to change. Please check tafensw.edu.au for current information.