

# Parents and Carers Guide



Help your child graduate with skills for the future.



TAFE NSW acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the Land, Rivers and Sea. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Elders; past, present and emerging of all Nations.



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The material contained in this document is intended to provide you with general information on TAFE NSW and should be used as a guide only. All information is correct at time of publication (July 2022).



# Why choose TAFE NSW?



**81%**  
**employer satisfaction**

NSW employers are satisfied with the quality of the nationally recognised training we deliver\*



**90%**  
**graduate satisfaction**

TAFE NSW enjoys a rating well above the national average for the overall quality of training\*\*



**89%**  
**of graduates would recommend TAFE NSW**

as a training provider\*\*



**8 of the top 10**  
**growth areas covered**

TAFE NSW provides training in 8 of the 10 occupation areas predicted to have the greatest growth over the next five years^

Source: \*NCVER – Employer's Use and Views of the VET System (2020) – Note this represents TAFE nationally not just TAFE NSW. Data not available for TAFE NSW. \*\*NCVER – VET Student Outcomes 2021. ^Labour Market Information Portal, Australian Government, Occupation Projections – five years to May 2024.

# TAFE NSW Benefits

## Students come first

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TAFE NSW has been evolving and adapting to the training and education needs of NSW for over 130 years. We exist to create outstanding learner experiences and provide quality and personalised services that allow your child to achieve their goals.

## Individual support

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With smaller class sizes, support services, and social facilities all creating an incredibly strong support network, your child is never just a number at TAFE NSW.

## Quality education

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We partner with employers to provide all students with real-world learning to develop current, practical skills, by utilising both real and simulated work environments.

## Strong industry connections

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Our ambition is to help our learners with their career goals. We have connections to more than 25,000\* employers, helping them develop relationships with industry.

## Excellent reputation

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TAFE NSW teachers are experts in their field because they work in industry and are passionate about delivering learning experiences that are both relevant and supportive.

## Student association

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Our student community can take advantage of the facilities, services, and activities available at many of our locations, including on-campus support and job placement services. Membership is open to all TAFE NSW students and staff. Visit a [TAFE NSW Student Association](#) to join.

## Libraries

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Our team of librarians can assist with access to the latest digital and print resources, library computers, software, WiFi and other services.

## Childcare centres

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Excellent [childcare facilities](#) are provided at some TAFE NSW locations. Places may be available for children under the age of six.



# Study the HSC differently

There's more than one way to study the HSC. If studying in a traditional high school setting is not for your child, there are alternative pathways to ensure they achieve the best possible results they can. These courses provide students with an opportunity to learn in an adult environment, in small classes with more individual support.

## **Tertiary Preparation Certificate (TPC)** (10767NAT)

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TAFE NSW has a range of courses to help students develop skills and knowledge needed to undertake further study and achieve their career goals. The Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation is a qualification equivalent to Year 12, and offers an alternative pathway to higher education.

## **TAFE Statement in HSC Studies** (800-19361)

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A TAFE NSW Statement in HSC Studies allows students to study all or part of the NSW Higher School Certificate with TAFE NSW.

## **Study your HSC at Bradfield Senior College**

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Students can specialise in a creative field, achieve more than one major work, or study the HSC over a few years at Bradfield Senior College, located within TAFE NSW St Leonards.

**Did you know?**



Vocational education helps build a range of skills that are transferable across industries, are highly sought by employers, increase overall capability, and are particularly significant for those entering the work force for the first time. These skills, sometimes referred to as employability skills, include digital skills, critical thinking, team work, and self-management. Studies show that the time to transition from study to employment, can be significantly reduced by developing of employability skills.



# TAFE NSW at school

## TAFE-delivered Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

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- Get a head start on their career by completing a TAFE NSW course while still at school.
- TVET courses are available to students in year 11 and 12 (stage 6) as well as students in Year 9 and 10 (Stage 5).
- Stage 6 TVET courses count towards their HSC, with some contributing towards the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

## TAFE NSW Schools Launchpad

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TAFE NSW Schools Launchpad is a different way to think about school and TAFE-delivered Vocational Education and Training (TVET). These 20 virtual courses combine teacher-led virtually delivered classrooms with workshops and work placements across a range of exciting career areas within growth industries.

## School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

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- Combine paid work and TAFE NSW training, with school and a School Based Apprenticeship (SBA) or School Based Traineeship (SBT).
- It is a great opportunity to gain a nationally recognised VET qualification, as well as your HSC.
- Gain valuable workplace skills and experience through part time paid employment.

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They say that seventy percent of students are leaving school to study at university. For me, this is a long and expensive road, and may not necessarily lead to employment.

I had a passion for real estate and knew I didn't want to spend my time learning things I didn't need to. I just wanted to get into it.

Elleyce Guerreiro, Winner of the Southern and South Western Sydney Regional Training Awards  
School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the Year (Training Services NSW) - June 2020



# Study options beyond the school room

TAFE NSW offers your child the chance to get a head start on a rewarding career, learning the skills needed to succeed.

## Year 10 students

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New South Wales requires your child 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 child decides to leave school before the age of 17, school and parental consent must be given.

Once your child has completed Year 10, they're eligible to study a nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training (VET) course full time at TAFE NSW. We offer hundreds of courses to choose from, many requiring little or no previous experience.

## Year 12 students

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If your child has completed, or is about to complete, their Higher School Certificate (HSC), 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 want.
- Apprenticeships and traineeships, which combine formal studies with work and on-the-job training. They can earn from day one, be in huge demand, and incur less debt. Employability, earnings, and skills relevance are on par with university outcomes. Eligibility criteria applies.
- Pre-apprenticeship short courses that can give them the skills they need to help them enter the workforce.
- A range of practical diplomas and degrees that are taught by industry experts, in progressive and dynamic learning environments. Your child will have access to industry standard equipment and facilities, while also making valuable workforce connections.

## TAFE NSW degrees

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A TAFE NSW degree will teach the real-world skills that employers are looking for. Taught by industry professionals in state-of-the-art facilities, our degrees are in industry sectors as diverse as ICT, Community Services, Fashion Design, Commerce, and Early Childhood Education and Care. With a TAFE NSW degree, students graduate job ready and in demand.

# Five tips to ensure a smooth transition



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



## Be prepared

Help your child to develop an exam calendar and then encourage them to plan ahead. Make sure they develop regular revision blocks for each subject.



## Break it down

You don't want your child 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.



## Save the stress

A timetable that shows when assignments are due is essential. This will help your child to plan ahead and keep them from rushing their work in order to complete it on time.



## Habits for a lifetime

Build a daily routine, with time for study, ensuring that revision is free from smartphones and other distractions.



We regularly receive requests from employers looking for TAFE NSW graduates, because they understand that those students are ready and have the skills to start working and applying what they've learned immediately.

Nancy Mikhail  
Head Teacher, Accounting and Finance, TAFE NSW

# Student Support

## Aboriginal student support

[tafensw.edu.au/aboriginal-students](https://tafensw.edu.au/aboriginal-students)

TAFE NSW provides a range of Aboriginal support staff to assist you with everything from enrolment to course selection. We can also give advice on applying for fee exemptions and scholarships, as well as provide mentoring to support you throughout your TAFE NSW journey.

## Disability support

[tafensw.edu.au/disability](https://tafensw.edu.au/disability)

TAFE NSW Disabilities Services ensure that students with a disability have access, support, and equal opportunities while studying. Disability Teacher Consultants will assist with providing reasonable adjustment based on your individual needs and the course in which you are enrolled. Disability Teacher Consultants can also help with assistive and adaptive technology needs.

## Counselling and career development services

[tafensw.edu.au/counselling](https://tafensw.edu.au/counselling)

The TAFE NSW counselling and career development service is free and is designed to help you with strategies to get the most from your course and with your studies, as well as in your chosen career. Prospective TAFE NSW students are able to access the service to assist with course choice decisions and career planning.

Students enrolled with TAFE NSW are able to access a range of services to assist in career development and personal support.

## Learning support

[tafensw.edu.au/study-support](https://tafensw.edu.au/study-support)

TAFE NSW provides valuable learner support at our 'drop-in' or flexible learning centres, in small groups or one-on-one. Call 131 601 to find out what study support services are available at your location.

## International students

[tafensw.edu.au/international](https://tafensw.edu.au/international)

Coordinators can offer advice, support and referral services to assist you during your studies. They will help you to achieve your education goals and make your time in Australia rewarding and enjoyable.

## Scholarships

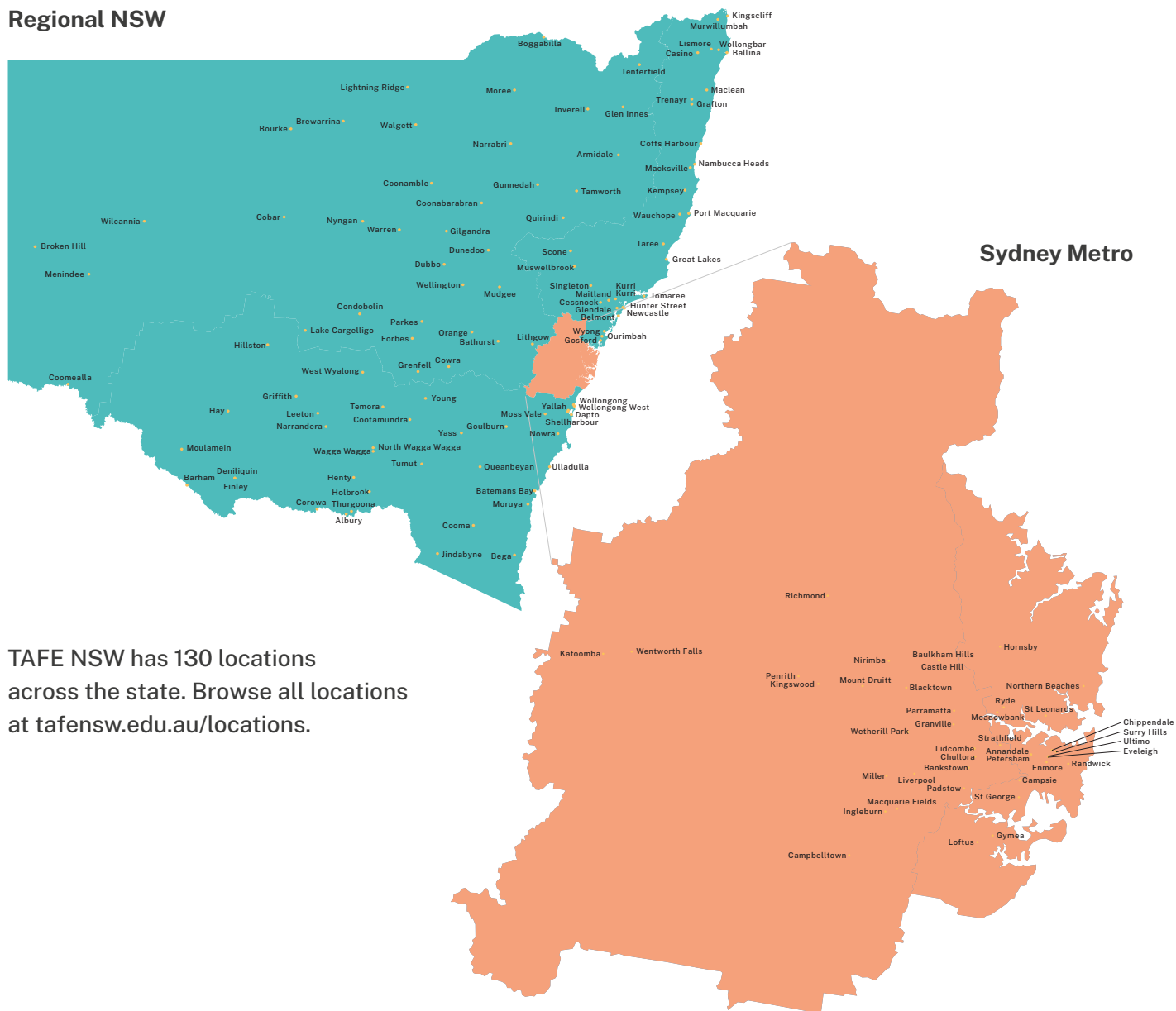
[tafensw.edu.au/scholarships](https://tafensw.edu.au/scholarships)

TAFE NSW works with government, non-government and industry partners to develop and deliver scholarships for students who are experiencing financial, social, or other barriers to study.

For more details visit [tafensw.edu.au/support](https://tafensw.edu.au/support)

# TAFE NSW Locations

## Regional NSW



TAFE NSW has 130 locations across the state. Browse all locations at [tafensw.edu.au/locations](https://www.tafensw.edu.au/locations).



## World-class, digitally enabled campuses

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 [tafensw.edu.au/clc](http://tafensw.edu.au/clc) today.

