STUDYING AT TAFE NSW
A GUIDE FOR PARENTS
AND CAREGIVERS

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NSW GOVERNMENT

TAFE NSW
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 teen’s success.
80% OF OCCUPATIONS
WE OFFER TRAINING IN
80% OF THE OCCUPATIONS
PREDICTED TO HAVE THE
GREATEST GROWTH
OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS^

85.9% EMPLOYER SATISFACTION
NSW EMPLOYERS ARE VERY
SATISFIED WITH THE QUALITY OF
THE NATIONALLY RECOGNISED
TRAINING WE DELIVER*

81% GRADUATE SATISFACTION
TAFE NSW ENJOYS A RATING
WELL ABOVE THE NATIONAL
AVERAGE FOR THE OVERALL
QUALITY OF TRAINING**

93% WOULD RECOMMEND
TAFE NSW
AS A TRAINING PROVIDER –
NATIONAL VET
AVERAGE 90%**

FAST FACTS
Training for one job will give
a student skills for 13 other jobs.
(Source: fya.org.au)

Source:
^ employment.gov.au
* Graduate Satisfaction Survey - Undergraduate [Quality Indicators of Teaching and Learning (QILT) - Course Experience
Questionnaire 2018-2019 ]
** VET – NCVER Graduate Outcomes Survey 2018
* NCVER, Survey of Employers’ Use and Views of the VET System, 2017

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| 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 hundreds of courses, certificates, Diplomas and Degrees. |
LOCATIONS

TAFE NSW has 130 locations across the state.

Browse all locations at tafensw.edu.au/locations or click on ‘Find a TAFE NSW location’ button below.

Find a TAFE NSW location

YOUR LOCAL 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 www.tafensw.edu.au/clc 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.
CAREER FOCUSED
TAFE NSW DEGREES

Developed in conjunction with industry, TAFE NSW Degrees empower your teen with the knowledge needed to succeed in the world of tomorrow. Your teen will learn new skills in a professional context and in real world settings that mirror industry practices.

REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE – career-focused and practical, our Degrees include internships and work placements to enhance your teen’s employability.

MAKE CONNECTIONS – your teen can get a head start with our strong industry ties and job placement solutions.

SMALL CLASSES – they can enjoy small class sizes that allow for individual attention and group support.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM – your teen may receive a conditional Degree offer before completing HSC.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/degrees

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships allow your teen to combine on-the-job training with structured study and skills development at TAFE NSW. Your teen can learn and work towards a nationally recognised qualification while employed in the industry.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are available at certificate levels across more than 500 occupations, and range from traditional trades to sectors such as Business Administration and Real Estate. They are flexible and can be full-time, part-time or school-based.

We also offer a range of pre-apprenticeship and pre-traineeship courses to provide your teen with an introduction to the industry, along with basic skills and experience that will boost your teen’s career.

Eligibility criteria applies. Check the website or enquire for more information.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/careers

TAFE Digital

TAFE Digital is the largest online education provider in Australia. As part of TAFE NSW, we offer flexible online study options to over 50,000 students in over 250 courses. Our courses are facilitated by dedicated, industry-experienced teachers who will support your teen in his or her learning journey, from start to finish.

The TAFE Digital Lab supports our innovative programs and tests the latest in multimedia and emerging technologies including augmented, virtual, and mixed reality and simulation exercises. We apply these technologies in new course development, so your teen can practice hands-on skills, digitally.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/digital

TAFE NSW pathways

While your teen might choose to study a TAFE NSW degree, there is also a range of university pathway options available to them. We can also help your teen work towards achieving the academic entry requirements for their course, as well as prepare for university.

If your teen is a current university student, we also offer flexible study options to help them gain the practical skills and experience that employers are looking for.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/tvet

Short courses

TAFE NSW has hundreds of courses that can be completed in just days or weeks, offering practical skills and experiences across all industries. Your teen can gain the confidence to immediately apply new skills in their career and be whatever they want to be - faster.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/short-courses

TAFE NSW at school

The TAFE NSW-delivered Vocational Education and Training program (TVET) allows Year 11 and 12 students to complete practical, work-related units from TAFE NSW courses as part of their Higher School Certificate (HSC). Options also include part-time School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT). TVET and SBAT courses may contribute to both your teen’s HSC and ATAR.

Your teen can gain credit towards a qualification, recognised by employers and vocational education and training providers everywhere.

Find out more at tafensw.edu.au/tvet

BE IN THE KNOW

Jump online for the latest courses and details on how we can help you at TAFENSW.EDU.AU
A TAFE NSW pathway is a great way to fast-track a career. Your teen’s pathway will depend on his/her skills, experience, study preferences and career goals. Explore the most popular entry points here and start planning for the future.

**BE WHERE YOU WANT TO BE**

**STUDY AVAILABLE WHILE YOUR TEEN IS AT SCHOOL**
- TVET courses
- School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT)

**GET A TASTE OF THE TRADE OR INDUSTRY**
- Pre-traineeships
- Pre-apprenticeships

**EARN WHILE YOU LEARN**
- Apprenticeships and traineeships, including SBAT

**BUILD HIGHER LEVEL SKILLS**
- Higher education pathways
- Short courses
- Micro-credentials

**TAFE NSW FOR SCHOOLS: TVET**
- Pre-traineeship
- Traineeship
- 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.

**ADVANCED DIPLOMA**
Vocational qualification providing skills and in-depth knowledge for high-level or paraprofessional work.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
Higher education qualification providing skills and in-depth knowledge for high-level or paraprofessional work.

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

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE**
For professional, highly skilled work.

**GRADUATE DIPLOMA**
For professional, highly skilled work.

Full course list and all details available at TAFENSW.EDU.AU
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) course full-time at TAFE NSW.
We offer hundreds of courses to choose from, many requiring little or no previous experience.

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.

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. Check the website or enquire for more information.

Pre-apprenticeship short courses that can give them the skills they need to help them enter the workforce.

TAFE NSW offers a range of practical diplomas and degrees that are taught by industry experts, in progressive and dynamic learning environments.
Your teenager will have access to industry standard equipment and facilities, while also making valuable workforce connections.

Your teen can get ahead of the pack by applying for TAFE NSW Early Entry Program. They could receive a conditional TAFE NSW Degree offer before finishing their HSC.

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
REAL WORLD LEARNING AND WORK PLACEMENTS AT AUSTRALIA’S LARGEST EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROVIDER.

Art and Design
- Bachelor of 3D Art and Animation
- Diploma of Creative Practice
- Bachelor of Creative Practice
- Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)
- Bachelor of Fashion Design

Business
- Diploma of Applied Commerce
- Bachelor of Applied Commerce
- Bachelor of Business

Community Services and Early Childhood Education and Care
- Bachelor of Community Services
- Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5)

Information Technology
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Network Security)
- Bachelor of Information Technology (Data Infrastructure Engineering)

Property Valuation
- Bachelor of Property Valuation

... and more.

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STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Aboriginal Student Support Services
TAFE NSW provides a range of support services to assist your teen. Aboriginal staff can assist 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 your teen throughout his/her TAFE NSW journey.

Learn more about our Aboriginal student support

Disability Support Services
TAFE NSW Disability Support Services ensure that students with a disability have access, support and equal opportunities while studying. Disabilities Services has Disability Consultants who may provide reasonable adjustment based on the individual needs and the course in which your teen is enrolled. Disability Consultants can also help with assistive and adaptive technology needs.

Learn more about our Disability Support Services

Counselling and Career Development Services
As a TAFE NSW student, your teen is able to meet with a counsellor to discuss course choices, career planning, getting the best from their course and study support. A counsellor may also assist with wellbeing concerns, or can refer your teen to other legal, health or financial services.

Use our BE AMBITIOUS career matchmaking app or make an appointment to chat with our careers counsellors at your teen’s 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 help 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
BE EMPOWERED

GAIN REAL WORLD SKILLS FOR THE JOB YOU WANT

Be deadly and be connected, when you join over 35,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students at TAFE NSW.

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5 TIPS TO HELP YOUR TEEN TRANSITION TO TAFE NSW

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.

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

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.

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.
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.

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

Olivia Groome, Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)

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, teamwork and self-management. Studies show that the time to transition from study to employment can be significantly reduced through development of employability skills.

SHORT COURSES

BE SKILLED. FASTER.

By faster, we mean shorter. And by shorter, we mean with hundreds of short courses available to cover a broad range of industries, your teen could be trained in a matter of weeks or even days. On campus or online. Enrol today.

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tafensw.edu.au/short
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READY TO GUIDE THEIR AMBITION?

TAFE NSW offers over hundreds of courses, Diplomas and Degrees that can be studied across the state or from the comfort of home.

If your teen is ready to take the next step, they can enrol or apply at TAFE NSW today.
Phone 131 601
Email courses@tafensw.edu.au
Visit tafensw.edu.au

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linkedin.com/school/tafe-nsw
youtube.com/tafe
twitter.com/tafensw
instagram.com/tafensw

KEY DATES

Semester 1 - 2020
Term 1:  3 February – 9 April
Term 2:  27 April – 21 June

Semester 2 – 2020
Term 3:  20 July – 27 September
Term 4:  12 October – 6 December

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

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FIND YOUR PERFECT CAREER

Scan the QR CODE or search BE AMBITIOUS to download our career matchmaking app.

Start swiping to be instantly matched to your perfect career area.

Once you’ve selected your preferred interests from potential matches, we’ll send you tailored course information.