Did you know?

⇒ The new school leaving age is 17
⇒ Students must now complete the School Certificate (Year 10) and then continue in education or training or be in full-time employment until the age of 17
⇒ The Entrance Campus offers a range of pathways to Year 12, the HSC and beyond
⇒ The only compulsory subject in Years 11 and 12 is English
⇒ Students must do at least 6 subjects in Year 11
⇒ Research shows that people with the HSC are far more likely to be employed full-time and earn more over the course of their lifetime

JOB READY

This pathway has 2 strands:

Trade Training
Students who gain a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SBAT) can enrol in a program of study that sees them at school 2 days per week, TAFE on 1 day, and in the workplace on 1 or 2 days each week.

Students will do English, maths, business studies, industry-based learning, their trade course, and work studies.

Successful students can graduate with their HSC, Certificate II or III in their trade, and possibly the first year of an apprenticeship.

Tailored Program and Transition to Work
For students who may have been enrolled in a Life Skills program in Year 10 or for those who would be best suited to a more structured learning program.

Students and parents are involved in developing learning plans to ensure success in these programs.

A COURSE FOR STUDENTS WANTING TO LEAVE SCHOOL AT 17

The Entrance is commencing a course designed to cover the requirements of Year 11 although with a more practical focus.

It is planned to have students at school 4 days per week and in the workplace 1 day per week. The commencing and finishing times each day may also be different. Students may complete English Studies, 2 VET courses, maths, work-studies and sport lifestyle and recreation.

It may be possible to change over to a full HSC program of study.
ACADEMIC

A significant number of students choose an academic pathway to the HSC so that they can gain direct access to University. The Entrance Campus offers pathways in Maths/Sciences, Technology and the Humanities (e.g. legal, business, history).

Students should select at least 6 subjects that have an HSC Exam at the end of the course, as this will qualify them for an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) and allow them to choose courses at University.

It is recommended that students do Advanced English and a combination of other subjects that they are interested in so that they can achieve the best possible results.

Parents should be aware that the University of Newcastle (with its Campus at Ourimbah) offers Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College students 4 bonus “points” in the ATAR process. Other Universities may offer bonus “points” for sound achievement in various subjects.

Students completing an academic pathway can easily progress to University or TAFE and enrol in a degree program.

VOCATIONAL OR JOB PREPARATION

An increasing number of students are choosing to combine some academic subjects with vocational education and training (VET) subjects. Students should choose combinations of subjects (e.g. Construction and Furniture Making and Industrial Technology).

The Entrance offers VET subjects in:

**Business Services**—for those wanting to work in an office environment

**Construction**—students wanting to become a builder or carpenter

**Entertainment**—developing skills to work in the entertainment industry (e.g. lighting or stage management)

**Furniture Making**—specialist skills in working with wood

**Hospitality**—with courses to become a chef or to work in a restaurant or café (good skills for travelling or working through Uni or TAFE!)

**Information Technology**—for working in the ICT industry

**Metal and Engineering**—including fabrication, welding and tool-making

**Music Industry Foundation**—for students who want to “make” music and learn skills for sound and recording

**Retail**—for students wanting to work in a shop environment

**Sport Coaching**—specialising in the development of coaching and team management skills

**Visual Arts and Contemporary Crafts**—a variety of creative craft-based skills and projects

VET courses are competency based and students work towards achieving Certificate II or III in their chosen area. Students must also complete 70 hours of work placement. Many students gain employment through their VET course.

HSC

Many students are unsure about what career path they want to follow. In this case, students should ensure that they select subjects that keep their options open.

Choose subjects that are of interest to you, not your friends. Experience shows that if you like a subject, you will do well in it!