Did you know?
- The school leaving age is 17
- Students must complete the School Certificate (Year 10) and then continue in education or training or be in full-time employment (at least 25 hours per week) until the age of 17
- The Entrance Campus offers a range of pathways to Year 12, the HSC or equivalent 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 who complete the HSC and/or Certificate II/III in a trade 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 3 days per week, TAFE on 1 day, and in the workplace on 1 or 2 days each week.

Students may 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—"READY4WORK"**
The Entrance has commenced a course designed to cover the requirements of Year 11 although with a more practical focus.

The course will have students at school 5 days per week focusing on employment skills and moving to the workplace. The commencing and finishing times each day may also be different. Work experience is a part of this course.

Students may complete workplace literacy and maths, 2 VET courses, work studies and sport lifestyle and recreation.

**SUBJECT EXPO**—Tuesday 26 July from 4—7pm in the Dolphin Theatre
**Year 10—11 INTERVIEWS DAY**—Wednesday 10 August
ACADEMIC

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

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.

Students and 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 (eg Macquarie) 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 (eg 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 (eg 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**—for students who want to “make” music and learn skills for sound and recording
- **Primary Industries**—looking at horticulture and farm work
- **Retail Services**—for students wanting to work in a shop environment
- **Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft**—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.

The Campus has a state of the art Industry Training Centre that focuses on the building and construction industry, as well as a commercial kitchen.

MY 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. Students should choose 6 subjects that are of interest to you, not your friends. Experience shows that if you like a subject, you will do well in it! This pathway allows you to complete your HSC and gain access to TAFE or University if you need to.
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**DOCTOR**—you will need a very high ATAR and do the Medical Assessment Test, so you need to do Extension English/Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Economics—subjects that you enjoy and do very well in

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**BUILDER**—a Trade Training pathway or choose Construction, Furnishings, Maths and perhaps Metal and Engineering. You really need to consider the different jobs available, including bricklaying, electrician, tiling, gyprocking, landscaping etc.

**HAIRDRESSER**—subjects that interest you along with Business Studies, CAFS and maybe Business Services

**OFFICE WORKER**—definitely choose Business Services, along with Business Studies, CAFS or Legal Studies and Maths

**SHOP ASSISTANT**—Retail will give you a good background here and you could combine it with other subjects that you are interested in. Consider Hospitality (Food and Beverage) as well.

**PLUMBER**—another one for an SBAT. You also need Maths and Metal and Engineering

**HOSPITALITY WORKER**—Hospitality (Food and Beverage), Maths, maybe Retail and other subjects that you are interested in

**GRAPHIC ARTIST**—start with these and then look at a TAFE course: Industrial Technology (Multimedia or Graphics), Photography, computing subjects

**EVENT MANAGEMENT**—Entertainment, Business Services, Industrial Technology (Multimedia), Music Industry will give you a start and entry to TAFE

Or you may want to run your own business—how about choosing English, Maths, Business Studies, Legal Studies and 2 other subjects that you are interested in.

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