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YOUR GUIDE TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HIGHER EDUCATION



The Wollotuka Institute is located in the Birabahn Building, on the traditional lands of the Pambalong Clan of the Awabakal people.

University of Newcastle has a place for you

For 40 years, the Wollotuka Institute has operated as a support centre for Indigenous students studying at the University of Newcastle. As the number one university in Australia for Indigenous enrolments, Wollotuka and the University together, are providing unparalleled leadership and championing the need for academically enriching and culturally affirming education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at a local, national and international level.

Operating across all University of Newcastle campuses, Wollotuka is located on different Aboriginal countries across the east coast of Australia. The campuses are welcoming, inspiring and collaborative environments. When you study through Wollotuka you'll be supported by experienced staff,

Elders, cultural leaders and fellow students who will help make your time at the University of Newcastle successful and fulfilling.

Wollotuka provides assistance and a number of services during your undergraduate or postgraduate studies, including an enabling pathway program – Yapug – specifically designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

What is Yapug?

Yapug is a pathway program designed to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people gain the knowledge and skills for entry into university while immersing them in Indigenous knowledge, history and culture. Together with the Wollotuka Institute, Yapug provides students with foundational knowledge, embedded support and a range of social activities to enjoy during

their time in the program and into their degrees.

Yapug top 5 benefits:

- Yapug is completely free.
- The Yapug program provides you with a culturally safe and inclusive program, connecting you with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, staff and community.
- Upon completion, you will receive guaranteed entry into selected degrees at the University of Newcastle.
- You have the support of a dedicated Indigenous Enabling Learning Advisor, who is available to help guide you through your studies and answer any questions you have during your time in Yapug.
- Study at the University's Callaghan campus in Newcastle or their Ourimbah campus on the Central Coast.
- You will have access to a wide

range of courses that will help set you up for success in your degree.

Studying at the University of Newcastle

The University offers hundreds of scholarship programs which can give you extra support throughout your studies and provides secure, affordable, and comfortable accommodation options for students while studying.

For any student interested in exploring Indigenous culture and history as part of their studies, they offer a Bachelor of Global Indigenous Studies. This dynamic and highly specialised degree has also been combined with a Bachelor of Development Studies and is taught and managed by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander academic and administrative team. The program focuses on ensuring you have a strong understanding of

Indigenous culture, history and politics and that you're able to use Indigenous knowledge systems to respond to ecological, social and economic challenges.

The Wollotuka Institute provides an inclusive, culturally safe environment where you can come for support, advice, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing. They are guided by a comprehensive set of cultural standards that reflect and embrace the essence of their goals. Their space is one where you can connect with other students and community – a home away from home while studying at the University of Newcastle.

There's a place for you at the University of Newcastle. To find out more about Wollotuka and explore other programs available for 2024 visit www.newcastle.edu.au.