



ATWEA COLLEGE

**A SCHOOL OF CHOICE
IN THE HUNTER AND ACROSS NSW**

 **ALESCO**
Senior College

Education with a Difference



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WELCOME TO ALESCO SENIOR COLLEGE

Alesco Senior College is a secondary school, set within an adult learning environment, which encourages young people to participate in education and training that leads to a sustainable future.

Alesco Senior College places emphasis on the strengths in provision of services to students.

These include;

- we offer a small school environment,
- the creation of a safe, supported environment,
- staff work with students on a basis of empowerment, rather than a model of power and control,
- the belief that education is enhanced by the inclusion of other support mechanisms where necessary.

Alesco Senior College also firmly believes in the following key principles of our school:-

- the student is the centre of the education plan, and all plans revolve around the needs of the student educationally, emotionally and socially,
- that there is rigour in the educational program provided,
- students have the opportunity to experience an adult learning environment and undertake a Board of Studies based curriculum.

GOAL

Alesco Senior College will strive toward providing young people, who may be struggling to find success in a mainstream system, the opportunity to re-evaluate their situation and achieve success in a smaller and more supportive environment.

AIMS

Alesco Senior College will strive toward providing young people,

- the opportunity to re-evaluate their situation and achieve success in a smaller and more supportive environment.
- the opportunity of realizing their capability and endless potential.
- an environment which is specifically designed for student inclusion and experience.
- education where circumstances have previously prohibited them from finding success.

PROGRAM

*Alesco means
'growth and maturity'
or I am growing.*



Alesco Senior College is primarily a Senior Secondary College offering students the opportunity to complete their Higher School Certificate in a supportive environment which focuses on offering programs to meet their individual learning needs.

Alesco Senior College also offers a small Year 10 preparation program for selected students who are ready to work in an environment that offers individual support, personalised planning and a pathway into Vocational Training.

Graduates of Alesco Senior College will most likely move onto further vocational training or sustainable employment. Some of our students who have an identified and targeted vocational pathway may pursue a future in tertiary education or University.

As a part of their program of study with Alesco Senior College, it is now possible that students can undertake at least one Vocational Program as a part of their HSC studies. Subjects that may be offered to students include:

- Business
- Hospitality
- Retail Services
- Individual Support - Aged Care

In addition to this HSC students undertake a course of traditional classroom study or a combination of this and blended learning delivery (comprising of workshops and online course work) to ensure that each student has a program of study that meet his or her pathway planning needs.

It means that our students are not just learning, but as they mature, they become important members of the community.

WHAT'S ON OFFER?

SUBJECTS



“ *In mainstream there is no communication between students and teachers. Alesco teachers have made sure I have caught up on work.* ”

2018 Yr 10 student

Alesco Senior College specifically targets those young people who are unlikely to find success in a traditional school environment. Alesco is not a behavioural school and it is not a timeout program. This is a small school where the individual needs of the young people can be accommodated

Years 9 & 10

We offer the opportunity for a select number of students to enter into our Year 9 & 10 programs and complete a dynamic and innovative **Recognition of School Achievement (ROSA)** built around a blend of school curriculum and additional learning opportunities to prepare them for their pathway forward. Alesco has a very strong focus on **Vocational Education and Training** and provides all students the opportunity of consistent **work experience** teamed with a nationally accredited qualification that may lead to employment or further study.

Senior School

Our students complete their HSC through the **HSC Pathways Program** introduced in 2007. This program aims to assist students gain their HSC in a more manageable and achievable way. Instead of the traditional 6 subjects in Year 11 followed by the full Year 12 program, our students combine their learning, but only complete 3 full HSC subjects in any one year. This way if a student can only complete one year, they still receive a partial completion of a HSC. Additionally students may complete their HSC over more than 2 years if necessary.

WHAT'S ON OFFER? SUBJECTS

Alesco Senior College offers a diverse choice of subjects

Subjects for all year levels offered at all campuses may vary and can be discussed individually with staff at each campus prior to enrolment

Senior School

- Standard English
- English Studies
- Maths General 1
- Maths General 2
- PDHPE
- Legal Studies
- Senior Science
- Visual Arts
- Food Technology
- Geography
- Society and Culture
- Design and Technology
- Community and Family Studies
- Business Studies
- Earth and Environmental Science
- Work Studies
- Exploring Early Childhood
- Marine Studies
- Ceramics

Flexible Delivery

- Standard English
- Maths General 2
- Ancient History
- Business Studies
- Work Studies
- Senior Science
- Food Technology
- Earth and Environmental Science

Years 9 & 10

- English
- Math
- Science
- PDHPE
- Geography
- History
- Vocational Study
- SWELL(Work Experience)
- UP - (Unlimited Potential)

VET

(Vocational Education Training)

- Hospitality
- Retail Services
- Business Services
- Individual Support (Aged Care/Disability)



"I feel less stressed and less angry. My family are happy I come to school and that I enjoy it. They say I have changed for the better since I left mainstream school. I can see a future and want to get my HSC"

2017 Yr 12 student

OTHER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Alesco celebrates diversity

Providing Education that empowers people to stand out from the crowd



Hours of Operation

Check with your local campus.

Hours of operation are usually Monday - Friday during school hours.

Term Dates

Alesco Senior College terms generally correspond to NSW school term dates. There are some variations according to which grade and orientation dates, exam dates and graduation etc. For specific details please contact the school campus directly.

School Fees

Alesco Senior College does not wish to ever prohibit a young person from accessing education because of financial barriers. Students who are unable to contribute to their school fees or any other excursion fees should discuss this with the Head Teacher or Campus Coordinator

Resource Fees

\$60 for Senior Students

\$50 for Years 9 & 10

Campus Locations and contact details

Newcastle Contact 02 4925 4200	Years 10, 11 and 12
Raymond Terrace Contact 02 4925 4200	Years 9, 10 and 11
Cessnock Contact 02 4925 4200	Years 9, 10, 11 and 12
Tuncurry Contact 02 6554 9215	Years 9, 10, 11 and 12
Tomaree Contact 02 4925 4200	Years 9 and 10



A PART OF THE COMMUNITY

Our Students engage with the community, both as contributors and users of resources. A part of the Alesco Program is helping young people understand ways in which they can become a positive part of the social fabric of their area.

Alesco works with students on engaging within the community through new and existing programmes and projects. Different campuses engage with their communities in different ways.

Students learn beneficial skills such as working as part of a team, formal writing skills, public speaking and being generous with their time and energy.

Other ways in which Alesco Students contribute to their communities are through:

- volunteering in the local community
- participating in youth forums addressing issues about young people in the local community
- planning and organising fundraising events that give back to charities within the local community.

Alesco Senior College also works closely with agencies such as Headspace, Educare, LoveBites, RoadWhyz, Youth Centres and numerous local businesses with our “SWELL” (Skills, Workplace Education and Lifelong Learning) our work experience program.

Experiential Learning

Students from Alesco Senior College acquire through experience. Students are given many opportunities to acquire skills through activities such as excursions, SWELL work placement, hands on activities and participation in many different events that encourage teaching and learning skills outside the standard curriculum. Alesco Senior College recognises that students need to gain skills that will support them in the adult world and thus incorporate the 4 C's throughout their teaching and learning - Critical thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity.

Alesco believes it is our duty to do whatever we can to help our students connect learning with real life and to provide them with the necessary skills to prepare them for success.

Community Engagement

Alesco Senior College is a community based organisation who places an emphasis on building positive relationships with the wider community to improve student outcomes. Encouraging business and community organisations to support our schools provides Alesco with more resources and opportunities for our students. We encourage community involvement in attendance at special events, providing speakers, offering work placement or donating equipment. Many of the Alesco students are involved in volunteer work with community organisations such as Aged Care, Child Care and Homeless organisations.

Financial Literacy

The Alesco Senior College Financial Literacy program is a multi-award winning program that focuses on increasing the financial literacy skills of students. As the recipient of the Financial Literacy Australia award in 2017 and the Teacher of the Year award for Financial Literacy in 2016, Alesco Senior College recognises the importance of students gaining skills in Financial Literacy. The program runs throughout all of our campuses and was developed to give our students practical exposure to the running of 'real' businesses, as well as improve financial literacy and money management skills of the students. Campuses have developed individual 'business ideas' dependent on the environmental differences of their campuses and range from Cafes to candle making. Exposure to this has given our students their first real opportunity to experience 'work life' and gain a sense of pride and all students involved have developed better financial literacy skills as well as cash and stock management, budgets and banking knowledge.

“***Alesco has helped me so much. I couldn't imagine where I would be now without it. My parents are no longer worried about me. They are proud of me.***”

2017 Yr 9 student



HOW TO ENROL

All enrolments into the Alesco Senior College are carried out via the Application Form for Enrolment and an Interview process

Alesco Senior College is a small school and maintains the right to accept or deny students enrolment on the basis of:

- Is the applicant ready and able to operate within an adult learning environment?
 - Does the student choose to attend?
 - Can Alesco Senior College meet their needs?
 - Does Alesco Senior College have places available?

Students whose life circumstances present compelling cases for inclusion in the program may be given a priority.

Students will not be enrolled at Alesco Senior College without attending an interview. Parents/Guardians/Carers/Caseworkers are welcome to attend with the student for the interview.

Contact Alesco Senior College on 02 4925 4200 if you require an Application Form for Enrolment