



# Education with a Difference



# Welcome Alesco Senior College

Alesco Senior College is a secondary school that provides a safe, supportive and positive independent learning environment for young people who are not able to complete their education through conventional schooling.

# Aim

Our aim is to offer education to young people whose circumstances have previously prohibited them from succeeding in mainstream education. We provide opportunities for these young people to reach their potential in an environment that is designed specifically to support inclusion and individual needs.

# Goal

Alesco Senior College strives to provide vulnerable young people the opportunity to achieve success in a smaller and more supportive environment.

# About Alesco Senior College

Alesco Senior College primarily offers students Years 9 - 12 the opportunity to complete their education in a setting which focuses on tailored programs to meet their individual needs.

We also run a small Year 13 career preparation program for students who are ready to work in an environment that offers individual support, personalised planning and a pathway into Vocational Training.

Alesco Senior College has campuses located in: Newcastle, Cessnock, Northlakes, Raymond Terrace, Tomaree and Tuncurry. We stand by our policy of a zero tolerance for bullying, which is implemented into all of our campuses. Alesco has Student Welfare Officers onsite in each campus to assist students in finding a balance between personal well-being and academic outcomes. In addition to this, we have a Well-being Program which provides students with long term solutions for managing their emotions in a healthy and effective manner.

The school promotes quality education as a main priority, whilst also guiding the students to become confident and capable individuals that are well prepared for their journey in life.

For more information about Alesco Senior College, please contact: 02 4925 4200 or visit www.asc.nsw.edu.au.







# Years 9 & 10

We offer the opportunity for students to enter into our Year 9 & 10 programs and complete a Recognition of School Achievement (ROSA) built around a blend of school curriculum and additional learning opportunities to prepare them for their pathway forward.

### Years 9 & 10

- English
- Maths
- Science
- PDHPE
- Geography
- History
- Vocational Study VET Courses per campus
- Project Based Learning
- Financial Literacy

# **Senior School**

Senior school students can complete their HSC through the HSC Pathways Program. This program aims to assist students to gain their HSC in a more manageable and achievable way.

# Senior School

- English
- MathsPDHPE
- Legal Studies
- Senior Science
- Visual Arts
- Food Technology
- Geography
- Design and Technology
- Community and Family Studies
- Business Studies
- Earth and Environment Science
- Work Studies
- Exploring Early Childhood
- Marine Studies
- Ceramics
- Biology
- Society and Culture
- Ancient History
- Aboriginal Studies
- Visual Design



- Senior Career Planning and Pathways (flexible online)
- Work Studies
- Vocational Education Training courses
- Opportunity for HSC completion of a subject

# VET courses available:

- Hospitality
- Retail Services
- Beauty Services (Make-up)
- Community Services (Aged Care/Disability)
- Music Industry
- Business

# Campuses

Our campuses are centrally located to provide access to facilities such as: community centres, libraries, galleries, sporting fields and public transport options. Each campus has its own unique setting, however, Alesco's core values remain consistent across all schools.



# Newcastle

Situated in the centre of Newcastle's CBD, this campus has a purpose built hall and commercial kitchen which is utilised through the Café program. The student 'Breakfast Barn' is fitted with equipment for students to prepare their own food and an area to enjoy weekly meals together. Conveniently located close to public transport, this fully supportive environment is a place for students to feel at home whilst broadening their scope of learning.

#### Location:

100 Laman St, Cooks Hill NSW 2300

# Cessnock

Established in 2016, Alesco Cessnock is located in the heart of the Hunter Valley and has been consistent in building strong relationships within the community to become more involved in local initiatives.

These include: reading programs with schools, garden projects and various other collaborations. Students are also supported and encouraged to express their creativity through visual arts and design related activities.

Location:

9b Hall St,

Cessnock NSW 2323

### Northlakes

Fitted with both indoor and outdoor learning spaces, Alesco North Lakes based in Argenton provides access to local sporting arenas and recreational parks for students to use. With a warm, welcoming and nurturing school culture which enables students to reach their goals, Alesco's newest campus is perfect for anyone who is currently not fitting in with mainstream schooling which is having an impact on their education.

#### Location:

7 James St, Argenton NSW 2284



# **Raymond Terrace**

Alesco Raymond Terrace celebrates diversity and uniqueness to ensure that students feel valued and part of the community. In addition to our core curriculum, we offer students the chance to let their creative juices flow through music and art programs. On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons our students explore new worlds and battle evil monsters in our student-led Dungeons and Dragons group.

#### Location:

72 Port Stephens St, Raymond Terrace NSW 2324

### Tomaree

Surrounded by stunning beaches and Australian bushland, our Tomaree campus is a smaller cohort, where everyone chips in and supports each other. Due to the location of our campus, we take advantage of community based programs such as Learning to Sail/Surf and developing a community garden. We also provide self-defence training through the Got Your Back Sista Foundation.

### Location:

7 Austral St, Nelson Bay NSW 2315

# Tuncurry

Our Mid North Coast campus in Tuncurry provides quality education in a safe environment to students in the area. Our unique wellbeing system is supported holistically by staff and external support services. We have strong community engagement which students become actively involved in with Green Bike Tip recycling, Snorkelling and a 7 day Tuncurry Makeover where students help to paint our beautiful town.

#### Location:

31 Manning St, Tuncurry NSW 2428



# Well-being Program

Alesco Senior College places emphasis on the well-being of young people to support their success in education. Alesco provides alternate spaces within their campuses where students can go to relax and have time out if needed.

These areas are surrounded by gardens and provide comfortable seating and lounge areas to support feelings of positivity and calm. This enables students to remain at school when they feel anxious or stressed rather than leave the premises and forgo the opportunity to learn.



# **Community** Projects

An important part of the Alesco Senior College program is helping young people become a positive part of the community.

We work with students to become more engaged in the community by introducing them to new and existing local initiatives. Each campus manages relationships in order for this be done in an effective and respectful manner.

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

### Students can be engaged by:

- Volunteering in the local community
- Participating in forums addressing issues about young people
- Planning and organising fundraising events







# **How to Enrol**

All enrolments into Alesco Senior College are carried out through the application form for enrolment and an interview process.

Alesco Senior College 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 of 02 4925 4200 if you require an Application Form for Enrolment.



### 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

### **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 us directly on 02 4925 4200.



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