STUDY IN Australia WITH
NORTH COAST TAFE
Welcome to North Coast TAFE. As one of Australia’s leading vocational education and training providers, North Coast TAFE allows you to gain a first class education whilst enjoying a truly ‘Australian experience’.

North Coast TAFE is recognised in Australia and internationally as a creative and innovative provider with the ability to design and deliver a range of education and training programs that meet specific needs.

Our flexible approach assists international students to realise their education, career and life goals. Our strategic alliance with other educational institutions and universities provides international students with a clear pathway into both undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Australia.

We are proud of our Institute – our teachers and students – and the region in which we live and work. Located one hour north of Sydney by air, our North Coast region features some of Australia’s best beaches, waterways, rainforests, national parks and native wildlife.

We look forward to you joining us.

ELIZABETH MCGREGOR
Institute Director
WHY STUDY AT NORTH COAST TAFE

1. **GOVERNMENT-OWNED**: North Coast TAFE provides a personalised service backed by government ownership and is financially secure.

2. **UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS**: Your North Coast TAFE qualification can open doors for you to a university degree, thanks to our special partnerships and arrangements with many Australian universities.

3. **GREAT LOCATIONS**: You can explore regional Australia including beaches, bustling country centres and tropical hinterland.

4. **READY FOR THE WORKPLACE**: Your North Coast TAFE course is designed with extensive input from industry, may include practical work placements and is delivered by experienced professionals.

5. **GREAT ‘ON CAMPUS’ LIFESTYLE**: Your Student Association Officer coordinates support services and social activities for you including multicultural events, movie nights and sporting activities.
Simulated work environments in aged care and nursing

Simulated clinics for nursing

Professional hair salons providing services to clients

Fully licensed training restaurants with commercial kitchens where students design, prepare and serve 3-course a la carte menus for customers

Up to date industry-equipped gym facilities for sport and recreation in which students consult and design personal training programs for clients in real life situations

Commercially-operated massage therapy clinics in which students assess and treat clients with genuine requirements and learn how to provide Remedial Massage and Swedish Therapies under expert supervision

State-of-the-art multi-media centres and graphic design facilities including Apple Macintosh computer laboratories with the latest hardware and software for design, graphic design, animation, audio and video production

Contemporary design studios including photographic studios with a range of media equipment available for use.

Modern classrooms equipped with interactive smart boards and wireless broadband
INTERNATIONAL SERVICES COORDINATOR
Our International Services Coordinator is available to assist you in many different ways from your first orientation through to your successful completion of your course and graduation. This includes assistance with any course-related difficulties, information about Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or any questions or concerns you may have in relation to your course of study and stay in Australia.

COUNSELLING AND CAREERS SERVICE
This is a free, professional service available on campus, which allows you to speak to a counsellor about problems with your study, career planning and personal matters or for advice on services in your local area where you are living. Everything you discuss with your counsellor is confidential.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES
Disability Consultants support students with disabilities by coordinating specialised assistance such as note-takers, interpreters for deaf and hearing impaired students, tutors, large print resources, Braille, physical access and exam support.

CAFETERIAS AND STUDENT RECREATIONAL AREAS
Each campus provides a student common area to relax between classes. Most campuses have cafeterias, tea and coffee making facilities, microwave ovens and food and drink vending machines.

WIRELESS NETWORK
North Coast TAFE provides you with wireless access to our network on all of our campuses. The wireless network is designed to support all electronic devices.

Reeta Karki Diploma of Community Services student
“The staff members here are wonderful they went above and beyond my expectations providing a supporting network and training. The facilities provided at North Coast TAFE were great, and being able to study in this peaceful and beautiful environment proved to me that this is a fantastic place for learning.”
North Coast TAFE has an excellent reputation as an innovative education provider in Australia. It is the largest and most comprehensive government-owned vocational education and training provider in northern New South Wales with more than 55,000 students enrolling each year.

North Coast TAFE has 17 locations in New South Wales and includes modern country cities and towns, bustling resort complexes and peaceful seaside villages. Our campuses range from Byron Bay and Kingscliff (15 minutes from the Gold Coast Airport) in the north through to Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Great Lakes in the South.

The North Coast of New South Wales is one of the fastest growing country areas in Australia. It is a great place to base yourself for your time in Australia – you can gain a world-class education whilst enjoying a unique insight into the Australian culture and lifestyle.

Towns such as Kingscliff, Coffs Harbour and Port Macquarie provide the ideal environment to enjoy a truly Australian experience with pristine beaches, tropical rainforests, national parks and beautiful hinterland right on your doorstep. You have the opportunity to experience excellent diving and fishing, dolphin and whale watching, leisure and sports and to see some of Australia’s iconic wildlife such as koalas and kangaroos.
PORT MACQUARIE CAMPUS
Port Macquarie Campus specialises in massage therapy, hospitality, tourism, graphic design and hairdressing. There is an English Language Centre on campus and our partner universities Charles Sturt and the University of Newcastle offer TAFE to University pathways programs.

Port Macquarie is a busy tourist resort and fishing port located on the Hastings River. It offers a broad range of outdoor activities including surfing, boating, kayaking and bushwalking. The mild climate makes it an ideal place to live and study and it is only a one hour flight to Sydney.

COFFS HARBOUR CAMPUS
Coffs Harbour has two campus locations; Coffs Harbour Campus, located close to the city centre, specialises in business and accounting and Coffs Harbour Education Campus (CHEC), close to the airport, provides an innovative learning environment (incorporating a senior high school, North Coast TAFE and Southern Cross University) and offering English language programs, furniture design, nursing, hospitality, horticulture, welfare, veterinary nursing and children’s services. Coffs Harbour is a seaside resort city and provides an ideal place to live and study, with a vibrant multicultural community with more than 52 nationalities.

WOLLONGBAR CAMPUS
Wollongbar Campus specialises in agriculture, horticulture, child care, information technology and hospitality. Its excellent facilities includes a commercial kitchen and restaurant all staffed by students and open to the public. Wollongbar is located between Lismore and Ballina. It is surrounded by rich farmlands supporting a variety of sub-tropical fruit crops, avocado and macadamia nut plantations. Wollongbar is 30 minutes by car from Byron Bay.

KINGSCLIFF CAMPUS
One of our newer campuses, Kingscliff Campus offers state-of-the-art vocational education and training facilities in tourism, hospitality, graphic design, fitness, information technology, children’s services, and business. There is also an English Language Centre located on campus. Kingscliff is a thriving beach side resort town, located just south of the Tweed River and the Gold Coast. It is an easy drive to city and country attractions such as Movie World, Sea World and Mount Warning and World Heritage National Parks.

Some students choose to live in the world famous surfing hot spot Byron Bay, a 30 minute drive away, as they are able to commute to Kingscliff, Ballina, Wollongbar or Lismore campuses.
Living on the North Coast of NSW

CLIMATE
Australia is located in the southern hemisphere and its summer is December to February and winter is June to August. Visitors to the North Coast of NSW enjoy our temperate to sub-tropical climate, perfect for an outdoors lifestyle.

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TRANSPORT
Most of our 17 campuses are serviced by airports. Transport options in country Australia are more limited than in metropolitan cities, however most campuses have bus and taxi services available from the campus to town. Some students find it more convenient to buy a car (often second-hand) to travel to and from TAFE. Other students may choose to carpool (for example, someone with a car can offer others a lift to and from TAFE).

NSW Trainlink rail services are available to North Coast NSW cities from Sydney and Brisbane.

For more train travel information, visit: www.nswtrainlink.info
ACCOMMODATION

There is a range of accommodation options for international students.

**HOMESTAY:** Stay with an Australian family with most meals provided

**SHARING A HOUSE / APARTMENT:** Share a house with others and share rent and living costs

**RENT ON YOUR OWN:** Rent your own accommodation and cover all rent and living costs yourself

**HOTELS / HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION:** Rent single or shared rooms in a hostel or hotel with communal facilities

**ON CAMPUS:** Lismore and Coffs Harbour Education Campus have on campus accommodation with Southern Cross University. Visit www.scuvillage.com.au

For more information on rental accommodation visit: www.realestate.com.au/rent or www.domain.com.au/?mode=rent

Migration regulations in Australia require international students to show evidence that they can contribute to the cost of living and studying in Australia. This helps to ensure students are better able to make the most of their studies and have a safe and enjoyable experience in Australia.

Students must demonstrate that the funds they are relying upon to meet the costs of studying in Australia are genuinely available to them during their stay in Australia.

For more information, go to www.immi.gov.au or www.studyinaustralia.gov.au

**HERE IS A INDICATIVE GUIDE TO ACCOMMODATION COSTS**

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Sofia Correia Machado
Diploma of Children’s Services Former Student

“Following my passion, I decided to study Children’s Services at North Coast TAFE. I was delighted to find the staff extremely supportive and passionate towards my learning. Learning through TAFE assured that I gained solid skills and a sound understanding in my area of choice. I was delighted to meet friendly individuals and recommend TAFE to any international individual. They should just book their ticket and come!”

LIVING EXPENSES
Discover a World of LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Surfing, fishing, snorkelling and scuba diving, whale watching, kayaking and water sports, rock climbing, bush walking, local markets and crafts. These are just a small sample of some of the activities and attractions available on the North Coast of NSW.
North Coast TAFE English Language Centres are located at Kingscliff, Coffs Harbour Education Campus and Port Macquarie campuses. English language students have access to all the support services, including orientation programs, professional student counselling, career advice, recreational activities and excursions. The Directors of Studies will warmly welcome you and assist you in getting to know your teachers, classmates and campus. Intakes are every Monday during term time.

North Coast TAFE English Language Centres offer a range of English programs from beginner to advanced levels.

Courses will:
- Improve your English
- Prepare you for your TAFE or University studies
- Develop your English skills for future employment

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASSES**

**English Language Program:** Beginners to Advanced  
**Level:** Beginners to Advanced

Course includes:
- General English
- Academic English
- Preparation for IELTS
- 20 hours per week plus self-study

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**Bill Fang**  
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment  
Endeavour Award Scholarship Recipient

“The hands-on experience and other exclusive teaching methods used by staff members made my course highly enjoyable. North Coast is a beautiful place to study, it truly is paradise. It has extended my research field and broadened my thinking. I believe that North Coast TAFE has assisted greatly in helping me achieve my long term career goals.”
North Coast TAFE offers more than 80 courses across a wide range of study areas, providing you with recognised qualifications, practical skills, a competitive edge in the workplace and pathways to further study at university.

**COURSE AREAS**
- Accounting
- Administration
- Agriculture
- Animal Studies
- Building and Construction
- Business
- Children Services
- Community Services
- Design
- English Language Programs
- Fine Arts
- Health
- Horticulture
- IT Networking
- IT Systems, Applications and Databases
- Media
- Multi-media
- Nursing
- Skills for Further Study
- Tourism, Hospitality and Events
- Web Technologies
TAFE NSW qualifications are highly regarded internationally and a large number of North Coast TAFE courses give you credit (advanced standing) towards a university degree.

TAFE NSW qualifications are available at Certificate, Diploma, Advanced Diploma and Graduate Diploma levels. We also offer a range of career guidance, individual support and counselling services to assist in transitions to the workforce in Australia or transitioning into university.

North Coast TAFE offers Diploma-to-Degree pathways which provide students with entry to university degree programs with advanced standing at universities such as Charles Sturt University, Griffith University, Southern Cross University and University of Newcastle.


**CERTIFICATE II AND III**
If you want to study at university but need more preparation or do not qualify for direct university entrance, you can begin your study at TAFE and choose from a wide range of course options.

**CERTIFICATE IV**
Your TAFE qualification is a standalone qualification, widely recognised by industry and most university courses will give you credit towards a degree.

**DIPLOMA**
Credits earned by doing a TAFE Diploma can reduce the time it takes you to complete a degree by up to 50%. Advanced diplomas can mean even more credit and as a graduate you become highly sought after by employers.

**UNIVERSITY DEGREE**
By combining a TAFE qualification and a university degree, you end up with a double qualification and a head start towards your chosen career path.
Applying to study a course at North Coast TAFE is easy. Our friendly staff are available to discuss and talk through your course and career choices and assist in the application process.

1. Choose a course and North Coast TAFE Campus Location
   Our International Student Coordinator can assist you choose the right course and study location suited to you.

2. Download the Application Form
   Before completing the Application Form you should ensure that you fully understand the North Coast TAFE Institute’s Terms and Conditions of Enrolment and the Fee Payment and Refund Procedures as described on the application form.

3. Attach documents to your Application
   You must submit certified copies of your academic results including your English language assessment with your application. If you are under the age of 18 the Application Form must also be signed by your parent (or guardian).

4. Submit your Application:
   TAFE NSW
   Locked Bag 53
   Darlinghurst NSW 1300
   Australia
   intadmissions@tafensw.edu.au
   You can also apply online here: http://www.decinternational.nsw.edu.au/how-to-apply

5. We will send you a Letter of Offer, confirming your place and your fees

6. You will need to pay tuition fees and a registration fee

7. We will then send to you a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)

8. You can then apply for your student visa

For more information about North Coast TAFE’s international courses, application details and processes contact:

**Telephone:** +61 2 6672 0809 or +61 2 6586 2269

**Email:** ncit.international@tafensw.edu.au

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**TAFE NSW CALENDARS 2016**

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Thérèse Murphy
Director of Studies, English Language Centre, Kingscliff

“I love having the opportunity to work with international students. At North Coast TAFE we welcome learners who come from such a wonderful and diverse mix of cultures, languages and backgrounds.”