Primary Industries

Course description
Students can choose from a range of course pathways that provide hands-on and practical work experience sought after by employers within specific primary industries.

Students who are seeking a career in the horse industry can study rural operations and select relevant electives.

Students can specialise in a range of industry areas including:
- agriculture
- conservation and land management
- horticulture
- landscaping
- parks and gardens
- production horticulture
- production nursery
- retail nursery
- rural operations (horse industry specialisation)
- sports turf management.

Locations
Ballina
Casino
Coffs Harbour
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Grafton
Great Lakes
Kempsey
Kingscliff
Lismore
Macksville
Maclean
Murwillumbah
Port Macquarie
Taree
Wauchope
Wollongbar
Flexible/Online

Career opportunities
Depending on the speciality chosen, career opportunities can include dairy farm worker, farm worker, green keeping assistant and horticulture assistant.

Pattern of study
2 units x 1 year (120 hour), 2 units x 2 years (240 hours), 4 units x 1 year (240 hour) plus specialisation courses

HSC exam
Yes – optional (at completion of 240 hour course)

Qualification
Depending on the strand chosen Certificate II in a range of qualifications and/or transcript of competencies achieved

Pathway
Advanced standing in higher level qualifications in the Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package (AHC10)

Note
1 unit (60 hour), 2 unit (120 hour), 3 unit (180 hour) or 4 unit (240 hour) specialisation courses available. Work placement mandatory – 35 hours per 2 units of study. Rural Operations (Horse Industry Specialisation) studies online with workshops at Taree TAFE Campus. This is a category B course.

Contributes to ATAR: yes / no
Applying for a TVET course is easy. Follow these simple steps to get started:

1. Students and parents should read the 2017 TVET guide for high school students. While reading, it’s a good idea to think about what the student is interested in and careers they may like to start learning about. It’s important that the right TVET courses are chosen and the student gets the most out of their TVET experience. The 2017 TVET Guide is located on our website northcoasttafe.edu.au

2. Students, parents and Careers Advisors should discuss potential options, pathways and a selection of courses that meet the student’s needs and goals.

3. Fill in the 2017 Expression of Interest (EOI) form. The EOI form can be downloaded from northcoasttafe.edu.au or provided by the school’s VET Coordinator or Careers Advisor. The EOI form should be signed by the student, parent or guardian and the school principal. TVET course codes must be included on the EOI form. They are found on the local course insert available from the VET Coordinator or Careers Advisor.

4. Submit the 2017 TVET Expression of Interest form to the school’s Careers Advisor before the closing date of 16 September 2016.