



Newcastle Waldorf School

Years 11 & 12

Since 2014 Newcastle Waldorf School has been running its own registered and accredited HSC pathway, for both Year 11 and Year 12. We have chosen a pathway that fulfils our aim to bring a quality, balanced education to our senior students; engaging their hearts, minds and wills in purposeful activities. Our range of courses brings them opportunities to be inspired by cultural achievements and to follow their individual inspirations along with academic challenges balanced with creative and physical endeavours. We have full Registration and Accreditation from the Board of Studies to teach the HSC in Years 11 & 12.

Our range of subjects fulfils the Board of Studies requirements for the achievement of an HSC, however, the students are able to choose to sit external exams for just 6 units (out of the minimum 10 unit requirement for an ATAR). Students who choose this pathway will NOT receive an ATAR. For these students, University entrance (at the University of Newcastle) can be obtained through a combination of the HSC and the presentation of the student's Portfolio and Presentation work to a university panel. Alternative pathways into university are gaining popularity around the country. Universities are look for young people who are ready for the requirements of first year university. Completing year 11 & 12 and being able to communicate effectively with a university panel serves this purpose for all courses except (currently) those in Health.

The Learning Culture of the Senior School

- Steiner based teaching methodologies such as: a broad base of subjects, multidisciplinary studies, use of a phenomenological method (observation-based instruction)
- Some application of the Independent Learning Model, particularly for the Individual Major Project and Portfolio, including: teacher as facilitator, self-monitored progress, and independent research.
- Assessment Procedures, including: course assessment schedules, a range of assessment requirements, external HSC exams for English, Mathematics, Music, Visual Arts and Science, and the application of N determinations for non-completion of assessment requirements.

Board Developed Courses:

- **2U English (Advanced or Standard plus extension)** *All students must do an English course*
- **2U and extension Mathematics and 2U Mathematics General 2**
- **2U Visual Arts** *It is expected that all students will do this course*
- **2U Music 1**
- **2U Investigating Science (or Biology)**

Board Endorsed Courses:

- **2U Philosophy** *It is expected that all students will do at least 2 Modules of the Preliminary section of this course*
- **2U Portfolio & Presentation**
- **2U Sport, Lifestyle and Recreation**

Additional Courses:

Camden Haven Distance Education and OTEN – other Sciences, Modern History, Languages and other subjects.

Contact office@newcastlewaldorfschool.nsw.edu.au or phone 0249544853 to enquire.

