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# CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY (NEWCASTLE)

**Inspiring Young Minds Beyond the Classroom**

**Children's University (Newcastle) is an innovative program that encourages children aged 7-14 to explore learning opportunities outside of school hours. By partnering with local organizations, we create a diverse range of extracurricular activities that spark curiosity, build confidence, and develop lifelong learning habits.**

## PARTNERSHIP CAPABILITIES

- **Collaboration:** Collaboration with local learning destinations
- **Educational activity design:** Development of engaging educational activities
- **Corporate social responsibility:** Opportunities for organisations to engage in corporate social responsibility initiatives
- **Community engagement:** Engagement and outreach programs
- **Showcase future possibilities:** opportunities for local industry to showcase their organisation in Q&A style sessions

## PROVEN IMPACT

- Increased participation in extracurricular learning activities
- Enhanced student engagement and academic performance
- Improved self-esteem and confidence in participating children
- Stronger connections between schools, families, and community organisations
- 9,349 students from 100 schools across the Hunter, Central Coast, Mid Coast & Far Western NSW have participated in the program since 2015
- 21% of students identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Over 505,974 hours of learning outside of the classroom has been recorded and validated since 2015
- 75% of commencing UON students who participated in Children's University believed CU actively encouraged them to attend University (from Commencing Student Survey)

## CU ON CAMPUS DISCOVERY DAYS

Now in its tenth year, students aged between 7 and 14 years and their families participate in series of hands-on University-lead workshops alongside activities facilitated by community partner including the Newcastle and Manning Regional Art Galleries, RSPCA, Greater Bank financial lab and Bunnings. Sessions are held at our NUspace, Callaghan, Ourimbah and Taree (UONRHD) locations. The days aim to foster a sense of connection to the University and encourage learning outside of the classroom.



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