

HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS PROGRAM

Consent Form



Attn: Parent, Guardian or Carer,

Your child or a student in your care has applied to participate in the 2027 High Performing Students Program, coordinated by the Widening Participation Pathways team at the University of Newcastle. Students require permission from a parent/guardian and their school to participate.

Please complete the details below and return to the student. They will need to include this document, the Statement of Support from their school, their latest school report and ID documentation in their online application, before it can be processed by the University.

Applications through the webpage close during October 2026 and late applications cannot be accepted.

WHAT IS THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS PROGRAM?

This long standing program allows outstanding high school students, of any age, who demonstrate high potential or a gifted nature in one or more subjects at school to enrol in and complete a first year university course, and apply to receive credit towards a future degree. These are real university courses. Outside of their weekly lesson, all course work is to be completed by the student in their own time, and candidates need to be able to balance this with their usual high school, work and personal life commitments and responsibilities. The program runs throughout Semester 1 2027 (this falls during Term 1 and 2 with a semester break in April), with one lesson a week, either face-to-face at NUspace campus in Newcastle on a Friday afternoon 4pm-6pm or online. We encourage students to consider the benefits of studying in-person on campus as part of this experience where possible. At the end of semester we welcome participating students, their families and school staff onto campus to attend an attainment ceremony and celebrate their achievements.

newcastle.edu.au/study/pathways/high-performing-students-program

COMMITMENT AND CONSENT

To be filled out by parent, guardian or carer of applicant.

I can confirm that the student applicant has:

- proven themselves a highly motivated and resilient learner who exhibits academic excellence
- time-management, organisational and self advocacy skills and/or demonstrates the capacity to seek assistance from family, teachers or peers to continue developing these skills in support of their educational journey
- demonstrated respect and maturity to staff and students in the classroom and beyond

As the parent, guardian or carer of the student applicant, I understand:

- the commitments of the program outlined here and on the HPS Program webpage, including the expectations of student attendance in timetabled lessons, keeping up to date with course materials and submitting assignments.
- participating students will need an internet connection and appropriate device (computer) to access course materials
- successful applicants will be enrolled as University of Newcastle students and be allocated a University student email address that they need to check regularly for communications from the HPS program coordinator, the University and their lecturer.
- participating students will be accessing Canvas as the main content delivery system for course materials and access to online lectures. They will also contact their lecturer via this platform
- students studying Face to Face may need to arrange with their school to leave school grounds early on Fridays during semester to attend classes commencing at 4pm at the NUspace campus in Newcastle
- students studying online may need to complete an exam or assessment task during school hours, at their high school, and that it is the responsibility of the high school to providing supervision for that student, by means of a staff member from the school and an appropriate space to complete the exam. High schools are informed of this prior to application, and sign a Statement of Support for their participating student. If your child / the child in your care is in need of these arrangements for an exam during the program, the HPS Program team will contact the school to assist organisation.
- the course fee of \$450 must be paid in full to the University by the nominated date on the invoice which will be sent to the student's University email address after application is accepted, student is admitted and the enrolment into their course is processed. No fees are charged for unsuccessful applications.
- a student may withdraw from the program at any stage, however, no refund of fees will be provided if withdrawal is after the census date. Prior to this date a full refund may be requested. Withdrawals should be made by means of an email to the program coordinator at the email address below.

Yes, I provide permission for _____ to apply for and participate in the High Performing Students Program in 2027.

SIGNED BY _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Please note: Contact details for parent, guardians and carers are to be provided within the student's online application form.

Applications can be accessed via the High Performing Students Program webpage.

QUESTIONS?

Please send all enquiries to highperformancepathways@newcastle.edu.au This is the main point of contact for all enquiries throughout all stages of the High Performing Students Program.