Are you an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australian and keen to go to uni? Perhaps you missed out on the HSC results to get into uni, or maybe you were unable to complete Year 12? If you will be turning 18 years of age or older in the year you enrol, Yapug is your key to university!

WHAT IS YAPUG?
Yapug is a tertiary preparation program offered by the University of Newcastle for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who wish to gain admission into undergraduate degrees. Students will become familiar with the University of Newcastle and its environment and develop a variety of learning methods and skills, including problem based learning, whilst enjoying a supportive learning environment.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
Yapug is offered on the Callaghan campus of the University of Newcastle. It offers flexible study options. You can enter the program in either March or July and you can choose to study:

- full-time over one year (two semesters) or
- part-time over three or four semesters.

Note: The program must be completed in two years from commencement. After completing Yapug, students can apply for entry to undergraduate degrees at the University of Newcastle, including the Bachelor of Medicine, and degrees in business, social sciences, nursing and teaching.

THE PROGRAM
Yapug is an 80 unit program. To complete the program in two semesters of study, you will need to enrol in 40 units of courses each semester. Most courses are 10 units in value; some semester 2 courses are worth 20 units.

It is recommended that you choose your electives based on the degree program that you wish to enter.

There are two compulsory courses (one in each semester) and then a wide range of elective courses to choose from.

UNIVERSITY AND WOLLOTUKA SUPPORT SERVICES
We want you to participate fully in university life and get all the support you need to become a successful student, so we offer a range of social and support activities.

- Enjoy social activities in the Student Union and Birabahn buildings, and take part in competition team sports and recreation activities at the University.
- Take advantage of tutorial assistance and peer-support programs to develop your academic skills.
- Get help from our Counselling or Student Support Officer who can offer counseling if you are having personal problems including stress about studies, personal and/or social concerns, loss and grief, family conflicts and relationship difficulties. Our Student Support Officer can give you guidance to ensure you are prepared and informed about all aspects of your studies.
- All Yapug students are supported through the Intensive Student Support Program (ISSP). A staff member regularly meets with you to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS SAY
Shay is currently studying a Bachelor of Design and hopes to become a professional practitioner in a creative field in which Indigenous people, particularly women, are significantly under-represented, working as an Architect.

It came as no surprise to Shay McMahon’s parents when their daughter decided to study to be an architect. Even as a child, a young Shay would hone in on drawings of house layouts in newspaper advertisements for project homes and take to them with her pencils, redesigning them into her own dream abode.

Shay did not secure a high enough ATAR for automatic entry into the architecture degree, so to achieve her long-held dream she committed to another year of study and qualified through the Yapug tertiary preparation program.

“Yapug provided a good grounding for university study,” she says. “As well as being able to focus on the arts-related subjects that would help me gain a place in the architecture program, I learned many useful skills, like how to structure essays and reference resource materials. In hindsight, I think I would have struggled if I had started the degree straight from school.”
WHAT DOES IT COST?
There are no course fees for the Yapug program. You should however expect that there will be costs associated with the purchase of textbooks and other resources.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Yapug students are eligible to apply for Indigenous Enabling Scholarships which are designed to help you financially while you are studying. Students who relocate to Newcastle to take the program may be eligible for additional support. Contact The Wollotuka Institute for more information on 02 4921 6863. Also, contact Centrelink regarding eligibility for financial assistance through the ABSTUDY scheme.

ENTRY CRITERIA
You can apply to study Yapug if you:
1. Are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
2. Will be at least 18 years of age in the year you commence Yapug.

All applicants must provide confirmation of their self-identification as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and submit certified documentation to The Wollotuka Institute for verification. You may also be contacted to attend an interview as part of the confirmation process.

HOW DO I APPLY?
Go to the website to apply online and download the Confirmation of Aboriginality form.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?
If you meet the eligibility criteria, we will send you a letter of offer to undertake the Yapug program, an invitation to the Information and Orientation workshop and information on obtaining a student card and completing your enrolment in your selected courses.

INFORMATION AND ORIENTATION WORKSHOP
Once you have applied for Yapug you will be invited to attend an Information and Orientation Workshop. This workshop provides an opportunity to talk to people about Yapug and gain advice on choosing the right courses to prepare you for undergraduate study. You will also have the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the campus and its facilities. The workshop will be held a few weeks before the start of the semester.

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For more information about Yapug go to www.newcastle.edu.au/yapug
### Core Courses – one in each semester

- Aboriginal Tertiary Foundations
- Directed Study

### Plus Selected Electives from each semester depending on the degree program you are planning to study:

#### Elective options for Biomedical Science, Exercise & Sports Science, Medicine, Nutrition & Dietetics, Occupational Therapy, Oral Health, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Podiatry or Speech Pathology degrees

- Community and Research
- Introduction to Health Professional Studies
- Introductory Mathematics
- Studies in Health Science
- Professional Practice
- Chemistry and the Life Sciences

#### Elective options for Nursing or Midwifery degrees

- Community and Research
- Introduction to Health Professional Studies
- Introductory Mathematics
- Studies in Health Science
- Professional Practice
- Science for Nursing and Midwifery

#### Elective options for Medical Radiation Science degrees

- Introduction to Health Professional Studies
- Physics
- Science Mathematics

#### Elective options for Aboriginal Professional Practice, Arts, Communication, Early Childhood Teaching, Social Science, Teaching/Arts (Primary), Teaching/Arts (Secondary) or Theology degrees

- Community and Research
- Linguistics
- Aboriginal Studies
- Introductory Mathematics
- Professional Practice

#### Elective options for Fine Art, Teaching/Fine Art or Natural History Illustration degrees

- Community and Research
- Visual Art
- Professional Practice

#### Elective options for the Teaching/Technology (Secondary) degree

- Introductory Mathematics
- Visual Art
- Design Drawing
- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Information Technology
- Studies in Science
- Chemistry and the Life Sciences

#### Elective options for Visual Communication Design or Design (Architecture) degrees

- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Information Technology
- Introductory Mathematics
- Design in Society

#### Elective options for Development Studies or Social Work degrees

- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Introductory Mathematics
- Social Enquiry
- Other elective course*

#### Elective options for Business, Commerce, Combined Law or Information Technology degrees

- Community and Research
- Information Technology
- Introductory Mathematics
- Aboriginal Studies
- Professional Practice
- Business Organisation and Management
- Other elective course*

#### Elective options for Engineering, Computer Science, Science, Surveying, Mathematics, or Science Teaching degrees

- Extension Mathematics
- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Studies in Science
- Chemistry and the Life Sciences
- Physics
- Earth Science

#### Elective options for Psychology or Construction Management degrees

- Community and Research
- Professional Practice
- Other elective course*

#### Elective options for Environmental Science and Management, PDHPE Teaching, Food Science and Human Nutrition or Biotechnology degrees

- Introductory Mathematics
- Studies in Science
- Environmental Studies
- Chemistry and the Life Sciences

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*Other Elective Courses (20 units)*

Students may be able to select an elective course from the list below depending on their selected study stream

- Australian History
- Classical Studies
- Literature and Film
- Philosophy
- Social Enquiry
- The Study of Language
- Earth Science
- Introduction to Chemistry and the Life Sciences
- Business Organisation and Management
- Introductory Mathematics
- Environmental Studies

For more information on courses, including course descriptions, timetables and recommendations on what courses you should do, visit [www.newcastle.edu.au/yapug/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/yapug/)
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