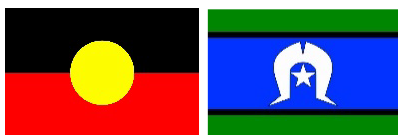


School Information

A Prospectus for Years 9 to 12



Learning, Responsibility and Self-Esteem



TLK Youth College acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work and learn. We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders past, present and emerging. We value their continuing cultures and connection to land, water and sea. We are committed to creating safe and welcoming learning centres for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth to flourish and grow as future community leaders.

TLK Youth College

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TLK Youth College operates under the auspices of Tuggerah Lakes Community College Limited,
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About TLK Youth College

Make A Fresh Start

TLK Youth College is a registered and accredited non-denominational, independent secondary school, specifically designed for the inclusion of young people who may feel isolated or lost in a traditional school setting. The College provides youth an opportunity, and for many a second chance, to develop their capacity to learn and gain a sense of meaning and purpose within a supportive and inclusive environment.

The College offers an alternative approach to secondary education for youth who:

- Are eligible for enrolment in Stage 5 (Years 9 to 10) or Stage 6 (Years 11 to 12)
- Believe they are unsuited to continue their education in a traditional setting and
- Are ready and willing to take control of their learning and future.

Our Approach

TLK Youth College provides an established and proven model for young people on the Central Coast, offering exactly the same curriculum for Year 9 and 10 mandatory subjects that would be studied in a mainstream school, with the opportunity to progress to Years 11 and 12 to complete the Higher School Certificate. The difference, however, is in how the College delivers education, which includes applying adult learning principles and encouraging freedom of thought, independence, mutual respect and responsibility.

Smaller class sizes (of approximately 16 or less) enable an individualised approach to learning, including relevant support in areas where a student may lack confidence.

Student's choosing to enrol at the College will do so for various reasons, which may include:

- Feeling isolated or lost in a traditional school setting
- Having social, financial or other disadvantage
- Low academic levels
- Barriers or challenges associated with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- Barriers or challenges associated with English as a second language
- Learning difficulties or disabilities
- Mental health
- School attendance or other difficulties.

The College provides education and training for a sustainable future, designed to encourage young people to build renewed hope, self-worth, autonomy and realise their capability and endless potential.



Purpose and Aim

The purpose and aim of TLK Youth College is to nurture student learning, responsibility and self-esteem within a creative and rewarding learning environment that delivers pathways and accredited school education for young people seeking an alternative to traditional educational models.

Culture and Values

The culture and values of TLK Youth College are characterised by:

- Acceptance
- Understanding
- Empathy
- Courage
- Safety
- Trust
- Respect
- Belonging
- Commitment
- Honesty

History

TLK Youth College, formally known as TLK Alesco School, was established in 2011 and originally catered for school years 9 and 10, which later expanded to include years 11 and 12. Since its early beginnings, the College's original purpose and aims have remained unchanged and clearly focused on providing a successful alternative educational model for Central Coast youth.

Connection with Tuggerah Lakes Community College Limited

TLK Youth College operates independently as a division of Tuggerah Lakes Community College Limited, a not-for-profit provider of adult and youth education on the New South Wales Central Coast.



Strengths of TLK Youth College

Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best in a relaxed, creative and rewarding learning environment, where opportunities and experiences are provided that foster the skills, values and attitudes needed both in life and for future employment, including creative and flexible thinking, emotional strength, moral integrity and a willingness to engage in life.

This approach is supported by the key strengths of TLK Youth College's learning and teaching practice, which is characterised by:

- Quality delivery of the New South Wales Curriculum
- Specialised strategies for healing, growth and achievement
- A small school environment that offers acceptance and individuality
- Belief that every student can learn, progress and succeed
- A shared commitment to growth mindset and lifelong learning
- Student-centred and engaging learning experiences
- Building of student pathways for life beyond school
- An active student voice
- No uniforms or school bells
- Practice that is evidence-based and reflective of current research
- Being well prepared
- Innovation and flexibility.

These strengths are also underpinned by ethical, transparent and open lines of communication with students, parents/guardians/carers/caseworkers and the greater school community in order to serve the best interests of the student. Communications also comply with privacy and legislative requirements.



Accredited Programs and Support

The College is registered and accredited to offer students New South Wales Curriculum Subjects.

Years 9 and 10 (Stage 5)

Years 9 and 10 are each full year programs. Like other schools, students will be required to participate in all learning activities and complete assessment tasks to achieve the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) at the end of Year 10.

Years 11 and 12 (Stage 6)

The College offers a defined range of Preliminary and Higher School Certificate (HSC) courses, which enables students to leave with a full HSC. In addition, students complete a Vocational and Education Training (VET) Certificate course, allowing them to graduate with not just their HSC, but also a nationally recognised qualification.

Literacy and Numeracy Support

TLK Youth College is committed to the ongoing development and improvement of student literacy and numeracy skills. The College engages both a literacy specialist and a numeracy specialist, whilst also maintaining current and flexible training programs. Literacy and numeracy support is contextualised according to individual student needs.





Subjects

Year 9	Year 10	Years 11 – 12 (HSC)
12 months	12 months	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics Science PDHPE – Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Geography History IT - Information Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics Science PDHPE - Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Geography History Computing Technology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Standard Mathematics Standard Geography Modern History Community and Family Studies Certificate II in Community Services



Personal Skills

The College's approach includes a focus on relationship building to develop student trust and hope over time. With trust and hope, students are well placed to develop strategies for growth and achievement, including skills for life and learning.

The College also sources external resources through networking and partnerships to provide programs to assist students across various areas of need. Some of these service providers, to name a few, include:

- Tuggerah Lakes Community College (trading as TLK Community College)
- CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service)
- YFC (Youth and Family Counselling).



Work and Career Development

At TLK Youth College, we are aware that students will be starting to think about what they would like to do when they finish their schooling. We have implemented within our educational program a comprehensive list of opportunities to build skills and experiences, including:

- Regular industry visits to experience a broad range of potential employment options
- Attendance at training organisation open days and information sessions
- Visits to training organisations and/or workplaces in areas of interest to students
- Information sessions regarding job seeking and training, including apprenticeships.



Facilities

Based at Berkeley Vale, New South Wales, the College's premises are located to serve the greater Central Coast Region. Our Campus is housed in a pleasantly appointed, sustainably built, straw bale, eco-design building, in a beautiful bush setting. The building comprises of four classrooms, kitchen, reception area and offices, grassed and covered area for breaks, storerooms and toilets.



Staff

There is an art and a science to both teaching and learning. The College's dedicated staff strive to create a student-centred and positive educational program and are committed to personal growth for themselves and their students in a way that transforms lives. Staff are passionate about supporting students to develop the skills, values and attitudes needed in today's world and being approachable for students to discuss any concerns with their school and with life.



Hours of Operation

Student Hours: 9.15am – 2.15pm

Year 9 and 10 Monday to Thursday

Year 11 and 12 Monday to Friday

Office hours: Monday to Friday – 9:00am – 2:30pm

The school terms for TLK Youth College generally correspond with New South Wales School Term dates. There are some variations according to the year/grade the student is in.

Students will be notified of pupil free days, staff development days or school excursions throughout the year as they arise. The College provides written notification where regular school hours are disrupted.





How to Enrol

Enrolments are processed via an *Application for Enrolment Form*, which may be downloaded from the College's website at www.tlkycnsw.edu.au or collected from student administration by contacting TLK Youth College during office hours on (02) 4346 0800.

As a small school, TLK Youth College maintains the right to accept or deny an applicant's enrolment based on whether:

- TLK Youth College can meet the applicant's needs
- The applicant is ready and able to operate in the College's environment
- The applicant is making the choice to attend and
- TLK Youth College has places available.

Applications may be submitted at any time and interviews will be generally conducted in the order in which applications are received. Students whose life circumstances present compelling cases for inclusion in the program may be given a priority.

Students will not be enrolled without attending an interview. Parents/guardians/carers or caseworkers are welcome to attend the interview with the student.

Applicants will be asked questions about their previous schooling, why they want to attend and about any relevant health history or behavioral incidents. As a Special Assistance School, the College will also assess needs related to:

- Literacy, numeracy, language and communication skills
- Mental health diagnosis
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander or other cultural and linguistic background
- Learning or behavioural difficulties
- Financial or social disadvantage or isolation
- Intellectual or physical disability.

An interview is not a guarantee of enrolment. There may be instances where those accepted will be placed on a waiting list until a place becomes available.



Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are \$100 per year, which is requested at time of enrolment.

TLK Youth College does not wish to ever prohibit a young person from accessing education because of financial barriers. Students unable to contribute to their fees should discuss this with the College.