

My Future,
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My Way.

The HSC helps our kids to become great leaders

Factsheet for Aboriginal parents and carers



This factsheet answers some of the questions you might have about your child's HSC journey. You can head online to find more information about how you can help your child or have a conversation with your child's school if you have further questions.

What is the Higher School Certificate (HSC)?

School students in New South Wales generally work towards the Higher School Certificate or HSC in years 11 and 12. It is the highest level of attainment you can reach at school, and a pathway to getting a great job, or going to university or TAFE.

How will getting the HSC help my child?

Employment Opportunities

The HSC sets your child up to succeed in life. Students who get an HSC are more likely to have sustainable jobs, than students who leave school early. If your child uses their HSC to do an apprenticeship, or go to TAFE or university, they're likely to have even better opportunities. Remember, the HSC is an award for life – your child will always be able to say they achieved their HSC.

Self-respect and pride

During the HSC, your child will build their confidence and self-respect, and finishing school is a fantastic achievement. Finishing school is not easy, but your child will be able to celebrate their hard work, strength, and resilience. They may even be the first person in your family to get their HSC, which is even more exciting! This will help your child become a leader and give back to your community.

When your child gets their HSC, they will be a role model for other kids and families in their community. It's important that the elders of tomorrow show the world what the mob can do, and how deadly we are.



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How can you help your child?

- Set high expectations for attendance and homework
- Yarn about choosing the right subjects for success
- Yarn about their subjects, strengths, and weaknesses, and where they might need help to change or improve next term
- Encourage your child to work hard all throughout Years 11 and 12
- Connect with your child's teachers to understand how you can support them

What are we doing to help your child?

The NSW Department of Education, NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG), NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) and the Premier's Implementation Unit are working together to support Aboriginal students to reach their learning potential and maintain connectedness to culture and community. Talk to your child's school, or your local or regional AECG to find out what's available in your area.

Help your child through the HSC - find out more here:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/premiers-priorities/resources>



*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, waterways and mountains on which we learn, grow and share.
We acknowledge Elders past and present for their tireless effort in paving the way for our future young people.
We extend that respect to our future leaders and youth of today.*



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