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KOI NEWCASTLE STUDENT GUIDE



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Welcome to KOI



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We are proud to welcome you to King's Own Institute regional campus in Newcastle, Australia: a tertiary level institution that brings together the best in people, resources, and facilities. King's Own Institute blends the traditions of higher education with today's modern practical and commercial global village.

King's Own Institute offers many advantages: personal, professional and commercial. It is quickly establishing a reputation for superior education. Just how famous King's Own Institute will become and how quickly depends on our graduates. We share your success.

King's Own Institute has assembled key people to assist your academic journey. They all have long and successful careers and distinguished records of achievement in universities, the military, diplomatic service, business and industry.

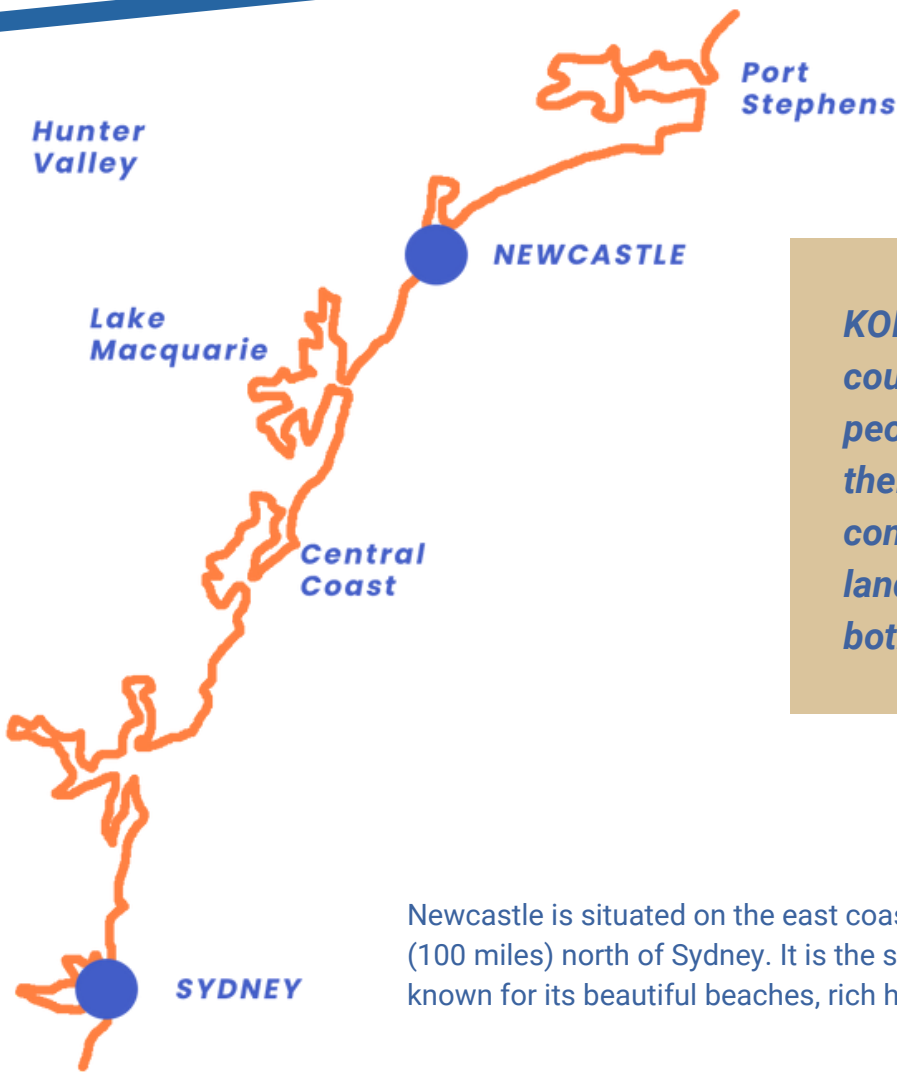
We confidently assure you of a sound, professional education and a special, enjoyable learning experience.

We welcome you and look forward to shaping your career with King's Own Institute.

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Where you will study



KOI acknowledges the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, and the wisdom of their Elders both past and present.

Newcastle is situated on the east coast of Australia, approximately 160 kilometers (100 miles) north of Sydney. It is the second most populous city in NSW, and it is known for its beautiful beaches, rich history, and thriving cultural scene.



Newcastle, a vibrant regional city

Newcastle, NSW, is a diverse and dynamic city that offers a mix of natural beauty, cultural attractions, and historical significance. Regardless of whether you're interested in outdoor activities, cultural experiences, or simply relaxing on the beach, Newcastle has something to offer visitors of all interests.

KOI is Newcastle's first private institute of higher education. The institute is located in purpose-built premises on Darby Street, Cooks Hill. This easily accessible location is in the heart of the Newcastle CBD and provides, both domestic and international students with advanced learning facilities.

1. **Beaches:** Newcastle is renowned for its stunning beaches. Some of the most popular ones include Nobbys Beach, Newcastle Beach, Merewether Beach (known for its surf culture), and Bar Beach. These beaches offer excellent opportunities for swimming, surfing, sunbathing, and picnicking.
2. **Newcastle Harbour:** The city's harbour is one of the largest in Australia and plays a vital role in the region's trade and industry.
3. **Cultural Attractions:** Newcastle has a thriving cultural scene. The city is home to numerous art galleries, theaters, and cultural institutions like the Newcastle Art Gallery, Newcastle Museum, and the Civic Theatre. These venues host a variety of exhibitions, performances, and events throughout the year.
4. **Dining and Nightlife:** The city offers a diverse range of dining options, from waterfront seafood restaurants to trendy cafes and international cuisine. The nightlife in Newcastle is also lively, with numerous bars and clubs, particularly around the Honeysuckle precinct.
5. **Outdoor Activities:** Apart from the beaches, Newcastle offers plenty of outdoor activities. The city has beautiful parks and reserves, such as Blackbutt Reserve and Glenrock State Conservation Area, where you can go bushwalking, birdwatching, or enjoy a picnic.
6. **Transportation:** Newcastle has a well-developed transportation network, including buses and trains, which connect it to Sydney and other parts of NSW. Additionally, the city has a local bus service that makes it easy to get around.
7. **Events and Festivals:** Newcastle hosts a variety of events and festivals throughout the year, including the Newcastle Jazz Festival, Newcastle Writers Festival, and the Newcastle International Film Festival.
8. **Newcastle's Renewal:** In recent years, Newcastle has undergone significant revitalisation, with projects aimed at improving public spaces, infrastructure, and urban development. The city's transformation has made it an even more attractive destination for students.



King's Own Institute (KOI) offers a state of the art hybrid learning facility in Newcastle. The advantages of a hybrid model over a strictly face to face or online model is that the learning space is envisioned as a holistic ecosystem encompassing learners, teachers, pedagogical practices, digital and material resources, as well as the physical infrastructure.

It is a combination of all of these attributes and competencies that the hybrid learning value proposition is revealed. A hybrid learning environment provides a number of benefits including the following key points:

1. **Flexibility and Convenience:** Hybrid programs provide a blend of face-to-face and online learning, offering flexibility in terms of scheduling and location. You can attend in-person classes for certain sessions while accessing course materials and lectures online for others. This flexibility allows you to balance your studies with work, personal commitments or other obligations.
2. **Personalised Learning Experience:** Hybrid programs often incorporate online modules that allow for self-paced learning. You can review lectures, materials, and assignments online at your own speed, ensuring a personalised learning experience. This approach accommodates different learning styles and enables you to focus on areas where you need more time or practice.
3. **Practical Hands-on Learning:** Face-to-face components of a hybrid diploma program provide opportunities for practical, hands-on learning experiences. In-person classes, workshops, and group activities allow you to apply theoretical knowledge, work on real-world case studies, and develop practical skills relevant to the accounting profession. This combination of online theory and face-to-face practice enhances your overall learning experience.



Hybrid Campus



At KOI Newcastle, our campus is strategically and thoughtfully designed to cater to the needs of today's students. Our computer facility boasts state-of-the-art technology and software, featuring an ample number of terminals to accommodate our students' requirements.

Throughout the KOI campus, WiFi connectivity is readily available, enabling students to access the internet from any corner of the institute using their laptops and handheld devices. Our learning environment is fully technology-driven, creating an ideal space for focused study and offering maximum functionality for the busy student.

Student Gathering Spaces

KOI Newcastle's student lounges are more than just places to enjoy a meal. They serve as vibrant hubs for students to connect, relax, socialise, and build friendships. You can either bring your own lunch or utilise our convenient vending machines stocked with snacks and beverages. In addition, our lounges provide coffee stations and reheating facilities, while fridges are available for storing your meals for later consumption. These lounges are equipped with computer access, including printing and photocopying services.

Resourceful Library

Explore KOI's extensive collection of both print and digital resources, designed to enhance your academic journey. Our library offers access to top-tier research materials, ensuring you have the necessary tools to excel in your studies.

Cutting-Edge Computer Labs

Regardless of your location on campus, you'll have access to cutting-edge technology and software essential for your coursework in our well-equipped computer labs.



Modern Facilities



No1 for Student Experience



The 2022 Student Experience Survey (SES) (QILT survey responses) focuses on aspects of the student experience at higher education institutions in Australia. In the latest report, KOI earned significantly higher scores for the majority of the six SES focus areas. The following is a summary of the data applicable to the undergraduate study areas associated with “Business & Management” and “Computing & Information Systems”. The survey data was analysed by [CompareED.edu.au](https://www.compareed.edu.au).

The QILT Survey data was centred around the following key areas of:

- Skills Development
- Teaching Practices
- Student/Staff Interactions
- Facilities & Resources
- Support Services



In the areas of undergraduate computing and information technology, and, business and management, KOI is the leading education provider in regional NSW for student experience.



Domestic Students

Education
reimagined



KOI Newcastle enthusiastically welcomes applications from domestic students. You can apply directly to KOI by filling out a domestic student application form.

How we assess your undergraduate application

If you are in the process of completing or have recently completed your Higher School Certificate (HSC) or its equivalent, you may obtain an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), which serves as a means admission into our undergraduate courses.

Alternatively, you may gain entry our undergraduate courses if you have completed a TAFE Certificate IV, Diploma, or Advanced Diploma through the TAFE.

Early Offer Scheme

This pathway offers early admission opportunities to Year 12 applicants, primarily relying on their Year 11 academic records and the recommendations or evaluations provided by their high school.



How we assess your postgraduate application

To evaluate your application, we will require certified supporting documents, which includes a proof of identity and prior educational records.

If you possess qualifications or experience that exceed the standard admission requirements, you might qualify for exemption on certain subjects.

Access an application form here



International Students



How to Apply

A comprehensive guide for prospective students who would like to lodge an application to KOI is available online. This guide contains information on the documents to be provided. The information has been divided into Onshore (i.e. residing in Australia at the time of application) and Offshore (i.e. residing outside of Australia at the time of application) applicants, as well as explanations on Direct Entry requirements for KOI's courses of study.

Access the guide here



Access an application form here



Why Newcastle?

During your stay here, you will bear the responsibility for living expenses such as housing, meals, clothing, transportation, entertainment, as well as incidental costs like textbooks, study equipment, internet access, and memberships for sports or fitness facilities.

Newcastle stands out as a more cost-effective choice when compared to many Australian capital cities across various categories, including groceries, leisure activities, and accommodation.

Living Costs and Expenses

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet in order to receive a student visa for Australia. As of January 2022, the 12-month living cost required for a single student is AUD\$21,041 per annum.

A comparison on the cost of living between Sydney and Newcastle can be found here.

<https://www.budgetdirect.com.au/interactives/costofliving/compare/newcastle-vs-sydney/>

Courses you can study!

KOI offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.

Undergraduate Programs

Diploma of Accounting
Diploma of Management
Bachelor of Business (Accounting)
Bachelor of Business (Management & Finance) Diploma of Information Technology
Bachelor of Information Technology

Postgraduate Programs

Graduate Certificate in Business
Graduate Diploma of Business
Master of Accounting
Master of Professional Accounting
Master of Information Technology
Graduate Diploma of Information Technology
Graduate Certificate of Information Technology
Graduate Certificate of Information Systems
Graduate Certificate in TESOL
Graduate Diploma in TESOL
Master of Arts (TESOL)

KOI operates on a trimester schedule, allowing students to potentially complete a three year bachelor degree in two years.

Accreditation

KOI is an accredited institute of higher education (IHE) and is regulated by the Tertiary Education Quality Standards Agency (TESQA).

KOI maintains compliance with, and regularly improves on the quality of its courses, by following the Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021.

KOI's Bachelor of Business (Accounting), Master of Accounting and Master of Professional Accounting are professionally accredited with CPA Australia and Chartered Accountants ANZ as satisfying the requirements for entry into the CPA/CA

Programs. KOI's Bachelor of Information Technology is professionally accredited by the Australian Computer Society (ACS) as satisfying the knowledge and skills required for an ICT professional

Access detailed course information here



“ ***I'm Somebody***
*who is studying
at KOI Newcastle!* ”



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