

Enrolment Information




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Novo Education Space acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands on which we work and learn. We pay our respects to Elders past and present. We are committed to creating safe and welcoming learning centres for First Nations youth to flourish and grow as future community leaders.



Our Learning Community says:

"When I first came to Novo I was a mess; I lacked confidence, I didn't have many friends, I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life, I hated school and my mental health was at its absolute worst. I'm a new person now; I enjoy going to school, I have a job, I can handle my mental health, I have a lovely group of friends, I've finally got my life back on track again."

"We have witnessed gradual but dramatic improvements in our child's attitude to the importance of learning and taking responsibility for his various life choices."

We know that he feels safe at his school and is willing to openly discuss private matters with school staff and accept advice that is offered to him with appropriate explanation."



"I feel that at this school I was given the opportunity to focus on my mental health and I felt supported in doing so. My wellbeing felt like a priority to the teachers and school, which was always an important factor to me ... The staff are fantastic people to have around and encourage students to do their best. They know how to help in a lot of situations and often help to calm students down when everything feels impossible to handle."

"An ex-student who moved to Novo just dropped in and the improvement and change in her just makes me so happy! I'm so glad kids have somewhere like your school to go to and help them"

"In two and a half days my son's Mentor Teacher has managed to ignite a passion for learning which I haven't seen since kindergarten. The weight of the world seems to have lifted off his shoulders and he is a different kid; happy and engaging."

Novo Education Space

Novo Education Space is a registered, independent school designed for young people who need a different kind of learning environment to thrive. Since 2011, we have been helping students overcome barriers and unlock their potential through education that is flexible, supportive, and focused on real-world success.

We offer an alternative education pathway for students in Years 9 to 12 who are ready to take charge of their learning but need a school that truly understands their journey. If traditional school hasn't worked for you, if you've felt isolated, lost confidence, or struggled to find a place where you belong, Novo could be the fresh start you're looking for.

At Novo, we create a safe, inclusive space where your learning and wellbeing go hand in hand. You'll have a Mentor Teacher and a Wellbeing Officer—your personal care team—who will help you build a learning plan that fits your strengths, interests, and future goals. With the right support,

you can grow your confidence, reconnect with learning, and develop the skills to live independently and successfully.

Our challenge-based curriculum, accredited by ASDAN, allows you to work towards Bronze, Silver, or Gold certification, achieving micro-credentials in areas that matter to you. Learning at Novo is practical, engaging, and designed to prepare you for real life—whether that means building skills for work, getting your driver's licence, or developing the independence to shape your own future.

Success at Novo isn't just about academic progress—it's about building resilience, confidence, and connections. If you're ready to take on this opportunity, challenge old habits, and step into a school that sees and supports you, we're here to help you make it happen.



Our Approach

For you to succeed and take charge of your future, we know we must create a learning environment where:

- *Every student* feels a sense of belonging and builds strong, supportive connections.
- *Every student* develops the skills, confidence, and independence to reach their personal, social, educational, and career goals.
- *Every student* has a say in decisions about what and how they learn and what they want for their future.

Novo Education Space is designed for students who are ready to take the next step. Our approach is based on adult learning principles, giving you the opportunity to develop self-responsibility and independence in a safe and supportive space.

With greater choice and flexibility comes mutual respect, accountability, and trust—all essential for creating an environment where you can grow, learn, and thrive.



Novo Students

Every student at Novo chooses to be here because they are ready to take ownership of their future. We do not offer places to students who feel forced to come.

At Novo, students:

- *Make choices* about their learning and wellbeing, shaping a path that works for them.
- *Co-design* their individualised learning profile with support from their care team.
- *Take responsibility* for ensuring a safe and inclusive school environment.
- *Belong to a mentor group* of up to 10 students and are expected to actively participate.
- *Work with us and their support network* to plan their next steps in education, training, or employment.
- *Use restorative practices* to solve problems when things go wrong.
- *Take responsibility for their time*, as we don't have bells to signal transitions.
- *Manage their mobile phone use* to support, not disrupt, their learning.
- *Call teachers by their first name*, creating a culture of mutual respect.
- *Wear casual clothing* that aligns with our dress code.

At Novo, learning isn't about following rules—it's about *developing the independence, responsibility, and skills* to succeed beyond school.



Curriculum

At Novo Education Space we have the ability to tailor your learning program to your capabilities. We use ASDAN's micro credentialing system to create challenge-based curriculum which follows the same NSW core syllabus requirements as mainstream school.

You will develop a portfolio filled with your evidence of your learning journey, which can be used to apply for your next steps after Novo. As a registration only school we do not provide students with a RoSA and we do not run a HSC program.



University Pathways

Novo Education Space is able to support access to bridging programs in partnership with the University of Wollongong for those students with aspirations to gain a University Degree. Students are not required to have completed the HSC nor have attained an ATAR to access these pathways programs. If university is your goal, we'll work with you to plan your steps to achieve your goal.



School Information

Hours of Operation

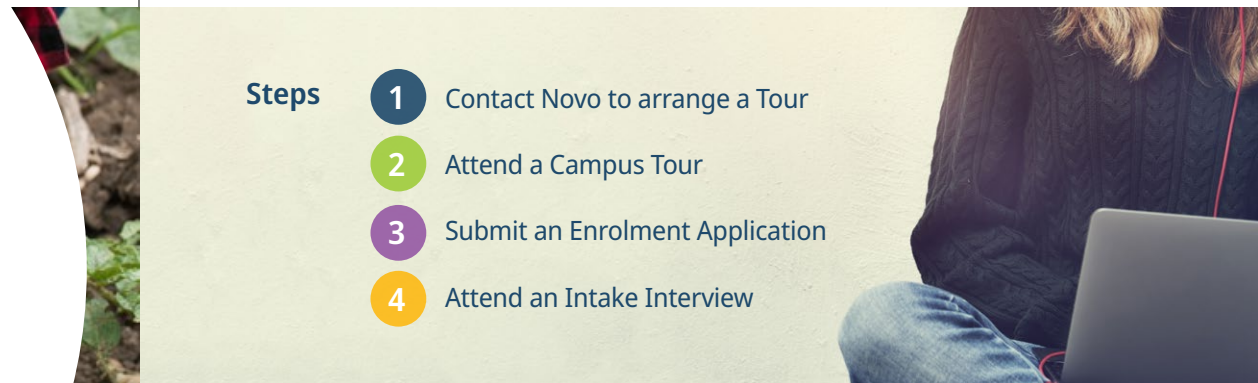
School hours for students are from 9.30am to 2.30pm Monday to Thursday and 9.30am to 12.30pm on Friday. Hours may vary during activities such as excursions or Work Experience.

School Fees

Novo Education Space does not charge fees. Some special activities or enrolment in courses that are delivered by external providers (eg, TAFE, distance education) may attract fees. Information about any such fees will be provided prior.

Term Dates

Novo Education Space school terms generally correspond to NSW public school term dates. There are some variations, including start and end of the school year, and professional development days for staff. You will be notified of pupil free days, staff development days or school excursions throughout the year as they arise. Novo Education Space always provides written information when regular school hours are disrupted.



School Leadership Team

Principal Natasha Osmond-Dreyer

Deputy Principal Kim Brady

Leader of Health and Wellbeing Monique O'Hara

Manager Governance, Risk & Compliance Louisa Raft

Manager People & Culture Giovanni Vilella

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Steps

- 1 Contact Novo to arrange a Tour
- 2 Attend a Campus Tour
- 3 Submit an Enrolment Application
- 4 Attend an Intake Interview

How to Apply

The first step in our enrolment process is to attend a tour of your chosen campus. You will then be invited to submit an application form. Once we receive your application form along with the requested documents, you will join the list of students waiting for intake.

It is essential to submit evidence of your age, previous studies, immunisation records, and any documents that provide more information about your educational needs.

All applicants are offered an opportunity to attend an interview, but please be aware that an interview does not guarantee enrolment. At your enrolment interview, you should bring a parent, carer, or other support person with you. However, we are most interested in talking with you.

Please bring:




- An openness and willingness to embrace change
- Some ideas about your goals and plans for the future

As we are a Special Assistance School, we will also assess a student's needs in the following areas:

- Literacy, numeracy, language, and communication skills
- Mental health diagnosis or social-emotional challenges
- 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

Places are limited, and priority is given to applicants who can demonstrate their commitment to learning, responsibility for themselves and their learning, and respectful participation in our learning environments. When students choose to enrol with us, we can work effectively together with the student, their parents/ caregivers, and other community supporters to plan for and meet learning and social-emotional needs.



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