

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



WELCOME TO THE REFUGEE, NEW AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES (NEC) PROGRAM Congratulations!

Your child has been selected by their school as a student who has the potential for academic success. Western Sydney University would like to offer your child the opportunity to participate in the Refugee, New and Emerging Communities (NEC) program.

The NEC program is run by Western Sydney University in partnership with your child's school.

Your child will be involved in a range of activities designed to help them achieve their best and get more out of high school. Your child will experience the university environment and explore career directions they might take in the future. There is no cost to you for your child's participation in the NEC program and most activities are run within school time.

If you would like your child to participate in the program, please complete the online application form at westernsydney.edu.au/necapplication

Parental consent is essential for your child's participation. Please ensure you and your child complete this online application form within one week of receiving this letter.

About Refugee, New and Emerging Communities

The Refugee, New and Emerging Communities Program is a Widening Participation program at Western Sydney University. The program aims to support and raise educational aspirations for high school students from a refugee/asylum seeker background. The program began in 2017 and offers the opportunity for enhanced academic and personal achievement to students of Western Sydney high schools.

The program encourages students to strive for their personal best and to see tertiary study as a realistic and viable post-school option. They participate in experiential learning which develops their skills and fosters familiarity with the university environment.





This knowledge equips students to better plan their pathways in the senior years of schooling and post-school study. The following elements of the program give students the chance to be involved in a wide range of activities:

In-school Workshops

University staff engage students in interactive learning sessions. Working with small groups, staff members encourage educational aspirations and help students gain skills and confidence. Topic include: Recognising Personal Strengths, Multiple Intelligences, What is University really Like? And Effective Scholarship Writing.

Refugee, New and Emerging Communities Senior Students Conference

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Selected Year 10-12 students will have the opportunity to select from a variety of course-specific workshops designed to encourage students to seek their aspirations and look forward to what the future will bring. Each session will be delivered by professionals from a refugee or asylum seeker background from a number of careers. Students also gain a better understanding of what opportunities are available post school based on their interests and strengths in the final stages of secondary education.

Studiosity

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Students will have access to a real-time, online homework centre which includes free online tutoring and the use of an extensive bank of practice questions and quizzes for revision and study throughout the year. Students and tutors can work through problems together and send documents back and forth for review and comment.

HSC Preparation Courses

Students will be able to attend FREE HSC preparation courses. These workshops provide an opportunity to better prepare for the HSC. Courses are led by experts familiar with the requirements of the HSC.

‘THE EXPERIENCE I HAVE HAD AT WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY, IT WAS AMAZING BECAUSE I START THINKING ABOUT MY FUTURE FROM NOW.’

Student from
Holroyd High School



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