



Practical courses in Agriculture & Horse Breeding & Training

Full time courses in:

AHC30116 - Certificate III in Agriculture

- Agriculture Production program

ACM30817 Certificate III in Performance Horse

- Horse Breeding and Training program

AHC40116 Certificate IV in Agriculture

- Farm Supervisor and Agribusiness program

Study full time or do a traineeship

Students who come to the CB Alexander Campus can choose to live on-campus or participate as day-students when studying full-time at Tocal. Students can also study traineeships at Tocal while working in the industry.

OPEN DAYS - 2021

Prospective Students, their families and carers are invited to visit Tocal College during the school holidays.

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| 2021 dates: | Friday 2nd & 9th July | Friday 24 September & 1st October |
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Program

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| 10.00 am | Morning tea |
| 10.30 am | Presentation: Agricultural courses and employment opportunities |
| 12.00 noon | Lunch available (\$10.00 pp.) - Please book ahead |
| 2.00 pm | Tour of College, farms and property |
| 3.00-3.30 pm | Conclusion |

Enquiries: Phone 1800 025 520

- Open Day & lunch bookings
- Course brochures or full prospectus
- General information

Website: www.tocal.nsw.edu.au

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Address: Tocal College, 815 Tocal Road, Paterson, NSW 2421

Application Checklist

(Completion preferred by Open Day but can be a later date)

Agriculture and Stock Horse program students

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Application form completed (available online or on request) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Medical History form completed (available online or on request) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Interview* conducted |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of birth certificate or other acceptable proof of ID |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of most recent school report (can be updated later) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Copy of two references (optional if school report provided) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholarship form submitted by November (optional) |

Additional requirements for Stock Horse Students

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Names & contact numbers of two referees** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Two references related to your horse riding abilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Riding Self-Assessment Sheet (available on request) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A short (no more than 10 minute) video that demonstrates catching & saddling & walk, trot and control of a horse at canter. More specific instructions available on request. |

* An interview is required as a normal part of the application process at Tocal. They are fairly informal and designed to make sure that the course and residential living (if requested) are the best fit for the student. An Open Day is the ideal time for the prospective student to ask questions about the course or College, one-on-one with staff.

Even if the prospective student is unsure, we recommend an interview when the opportunity is available as there is no obligation to follow through with an application. Those wanting interviews during an Open Day will be welcomed by a staff member and invited for a chat.

If school reports and references are available then they can be brought to the interview or provided later. Similarly, students interested in the Stock Horse program can bring their riding video with them to the interview or provide it later. The requirements of the riding video will also be described at interview if a prospective student is unsure of what is needed.

Interviews at other times can be arranged but may be difficult for those living a distance from the College. In specific circumstances a telephone interview may be acceptable.

** Referees must be able to accurately describe your riding ability

Youth Education Open Days

Program and Interview Information

Welcome to Tocal and our Open Day. We thank you for your interest in our College and in Australian Agriculture and hope your time with us today is both enjoyable and valuable.


Our official program today starts at 10.00 am with a welcome morning tea, followed by an information presentation and then a tour of the campus. Lunch is available from the Dining Hall at a cost of \$10 per person and will be served from 12.00 pm. Later in the afternoon, at 2.00 pm, you are welcome to take a bus tour of the College property, finishing at approximately 3.00-3.30 pm.

You are welcome to arrive earlier and pending the availability of staff there may be an opportunity to have an interview from 9.00 am onwards.

Throughout the day staff will be available to conduct informal interviews. *If you are considering enrolling for next year we recommend you take this chance to have one. It is an important part of the application process and helps us all to make sure that Tocal is the best option for you and that we can best meet your needs. As there is no obligation to follow through and enrol in a course this is usually the best chance to have an interview.*

If you are interested in coming to Tocal a bit later down the track, say in another year or two, then there is no need for an interview today. We are still very glad you have visited us to find out what we have to offer so please have a friendly chat with staff during the tours or over lunch and ask any questions you might have. We hope to see you again when you are ready to start your ag career.

Please don't be worried about the interview process. It is very relaxed and there are no right or wrong answers. We just want to make sure that our courses and that living on campus (if needed) are the best way to help you begin a rewarding career in farming or agribusiness. Believe it or not we sometimes have one or two students who change their mind during the year and leave the course to follow another career. That's OK, but if we can help you make the best decision for yourself now then that is better for everyone.

 To help us know who would like to be interviewed and to help speed up the interview process **please fill in the first page of the interview form** and then return it to one of our staff members. We will use it to schedule you for an interview. A staff member will later come and greet you and your family or carer(s) at some point during the day

Please Note: A range of staff conduct interviews. It is not possible for all applicants to be interviewed by someone who delivers in the applicants intended course. However, be assured that all staff are equally qualified to conduct interviews across all qualifications.

The interview process will then occur in two steps.

1 Firstly you, the prospective student, will be interviewed by a staff member while family or carers wait in a seated area close by. (Family and carers please don't fret. Your child or dependent will be just fine on their own during this initial part of the interview. After all, our staff are very experienced at caring for young people and will help to make them feel relaxed and comfortable).

2 After this, family and carers will be asked to join the interview so we can include their thoughts on what they hope their child or dependent will achieve at Tocal and how we can best realise that outcome.

Please also be assured that the interview process and any information provided is kept strictly confidential. It is held by the Deputy Principal and only made available to other teaching staff if it is useful in supporting the welfare, performance or safety of the student.