Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College

SINCE 1925

Vocational Funding at HKCC (2025-2026)

Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Community College Inc (HKCC) is a High Performing Smart and Skilled Provider approved by the NSW Department of Education, offering a range of funding options for vocational training. These include:

- **Smart and Skilled (S&S)** – including NSW Fee Free (NFF) and Traineeships
- **Adult Community Education (ACE), Targeted Skills for Small Business (TSB), National Skills Agreement (NSA).**

Smart and Skilled Full Qualifications

HKCC has access to government-subsidised funding for full qualifications and traineeships in priority industries, helping students gain skills to meet NSW workforce needs. These programs address critical skill shortages and support various career paths.

Available qualifications at HKCC include:

- FSK10119 Certificate I in Access to Vocational Pathways
- FSK10219 Certificate I in Skills for Vocational Pathways
- FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- BSB20120 Certificate II in Workplace Skills*
- BSB30120 Certificate III in Business*
- CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support*
- CHC43015 Certificate IV in Ageing Support*

**These qualifications can be studied as a traineeship*

Eligibility criteria:

Are you:

- ❑ 15 years old or over?
- ❑ No longer at school?
- ❑ Living or working in NSW?
- ❑ An Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder or NewZealand citizen?

If you answered yes to all four questions, you're eligible for Smart and Skilled funding. The amount you will receive towards your qualifications will depend on your individual circumstances. Some students may receive full funding, while others may have a student contribution.

Additionally, under the **NSW Fee Free initiative (NFF)**, students who meet the standard Smart and Skilled eligibility criteria may be eligible to the fee-free waiver (depending on availability).

Your exact course fee will be determined at the time of pre-enrolment. HKCC will collect relevant information and provide each student with a quote using the NSW Government's fee calculator before finalising the enrolment.

You can find out more about Smart and Skilled here.

Adult Community Education (ACE), Targeted Skills for Small Business (TSB) and National Skills Agreement (NSA)

The **ACE Program** is designed to enhance access to vocational education and training (VET) for individuals facing significant barriers to training and employment, particularly targeting **Disadvantaged Students** and those in **Regional and Remote** communities in NSW. The program provides funding for training up to and including Certificate III level.

Key Objectives:

- Support disadvantaged individuals, small business owners, and their staff through fully subsidised accredited and non-accredited training in targeted courses.
- Focus on areas such as **Information Technology**, **Business Services**, and **Foundation Skills**.
- Assist disadvantaged and vulnerable members of the NSW community to gain skills that promote participation in community life, lifelong learning, workforce engagement, and economic development in NSW.

The **NSA Program** allows eligible students to access fee-free Foundation Skills Training in individual units, helping them build essential language, literacy, numeracy, and employability skills to prepare for further study or work.

Eligibility criteria:

- ❑ Must meet Smart & Skilled criteria refer page 1
- ❑ And meet at least one of the criteria below:
    - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
    - Recipient of an Applicable Benefit
    - Physical or mental impairment affecting life activities
    - Disability or dependent of a person with a disability
    - Low language, literacy, numeracy, and digital skills
    - Identifies as culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD)
    - Unemployed or underemployed
    - Experiencing economic disadvantage
    - Personal circumstances requiring support (e.g., domestic violence, recovery from substance abuse)
    - Aged 15-24 years and at risk of not progressing to further education or employment
    - Has not achieved Year 12 or equivalent education
    - **TSB Program** - The **owner or employee of a small business or not-for-profit organisation**, (a small business is defined as an enterprise with less than 20 full-time equivalent (FTE) employees, or less than 200 FTE employees if the enterprise's primary operations are in a Regional or Remote Location.)