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Do you qualify for free TAFE courses in Business Services or Retail at Norfolk Island Central School?

The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare the Hon Vicky Jack MLA, has commended the Norfolk Island Central School and the New England TAFE Institute for an initiative which means some post-secondary students can qualify for free tuition.

Mrs Jack said that two courses offered at the School which may be of particular interest to community members are Business Services and Retail. These are described by New England TAFE as follows:

Business Services

“This course is based on units of competency, which have been developed by the national business services industry to describe the competencies, skills and knowledge needed by workers in the industry. Qualifications available to students in the Business Services Curriculum Framework comprise units of competency drawn from the following skill areas: information technology, communication, enterprise, technology and finance”.

Retail

“This course is based on units of competency, which have been drawn up by the retail industry to describe the competencies, skills and knowledge needed by workers in the industry. The course is for students who wish to work in the retail industry, either as a long-term career or in part-time or temporary jobs”.

“I am thrilled that these courses can now be offered to community members through Norfolk Island Central School”, Mrs Jack said. “If the person enrolling does not have their HSC they can enrol as a NICS student and TAFE fees are waived. If the person enrolling already has the HSC they can enrol but will pay the usual TAFE fee (usually about \$192.00 per semester or \$384.00 per year)”.

The courses are run online and with video conferencing support. Those people who are not confident computer-users may choose to attend school on Tuesday evenings when Ms Trish Magri conducts an IT class and can provide the support until they become confident.

Enrolments may be made at Norfolk Island Central School. More information on the courses is available from Trish Magri during school hours on 23000 or by email to tmagri@ni.net.nf.

Stephanie V Jack

Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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