

NEXT

FAITH FORMATION FOR
EMERGING AND YOUNG
ADULTS THROUGH
ACCREDITED STUDY

Whitley College's NEXT Diploma Course develops the faith of emerging and young adults through theological and biblical exploration, cultural discernment, purposeful living and justice seeking opportunities. You can also get practical through a hands-on placement, internship or missional opportunity

WHO IS NEXT FOR?

NEXT is designed for post-high school students in transition between whatever is now and whatever is next - work, further study, travel etc. Our program caters for 18 year olds right through to young adults the mid twenties.

WHAT IS NEXT ON ABOUT?

NEXT can help you to explore and discover who you are, what you believe, what is important to you, and how you can go about living that out. We work on this with you by focusing on six areas of development:

1. **Engaging Spirit** - awakening to God's transformative activity
2. **Exploring Faith** - authoring a creed strong enough to believe in
3. **Discerning Culture** - uncovering the world as God sees it
4. **Seeking Justice** - fuelling compassionate action where it is needed most
5. **Growing Community** - committing to authentic relationship among all people
6. **Living Purposefully** - thinking, speaking and acting with informed conviction.

HOW IS NEXT STRUCTURED?

NEXT is an integrated program made up of **CORE** and **Elective** elements. The **CORE** experience is set over two days per week where everyone participates in a mix of study, activities and experiences that focus upon *Spiritual Formation, Theological Exploration, Bible Investigation* as well as *Personal and Leadership Development*.

You can also add to this CORE experience **Elective** options to personalise NEXT and focus on the things you want. The NEXT Elective options for 2016 include:

1. **Faith, Culture and Social Engagement,**
2. **Creativity and Spirituality,**
3. **Local Church Internship.**
4. **Stretch, Challenge and Grow** [Advanced Study Stream],
5. **Missional Engagement** [with one of our Partner Organisations]

The CORE + Elective structure means you can pretty much choose your own adventure, and select the components that most interest you. The minimum study requirement (CORE only) is considered a part time (50%) study load meaning you will be at least a part-time student for CentreLink purposes.

NEXT @ a Glance

- **NEXT** is an integrated experience of personal development and spiritual formation uniquely designed for emerging and young adults
- **NEXT** is a highly flexible offering with core and elective elements focusing on spirituality, creativity, social engagement, bible, theology, mission and much more - the choice is yours!
- **NEXT** follows the academic year and participants are able to complete a University Diploma through Whitley College over one, two or three years.
- **NEXT** is so much more than a course - it is an invitation to live courageously through intentional discipleship, adventurous mission and authentic community.

NEXT CORE Units	NEXT Elective Units	Examples of Other Elective Units
DS0002W Experiencing God CT0150W Developing Theological Insight BS0130W Engaging the Bible DP0150W Discipleship & Purposeful Living	DA0001W Personal God Public Faith DS0001W Creativity and Spirituality DP0155W Reflective Practice	DA0011W Living the Biblical Stories BS002W The Bible & God's Mission CH0145W: Discipleship through the time-machine DA0005W Biblical Practices

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

The NEXT CORE Experience (the minimum enrolment) runs over two and a half days largely following the university academic semester from late February to early November. If you choose to add electives to the CORE Experience then your time commitment will grow.

Keep in mind that you also have the option to continue on to 2nd and 3rd year study where you can undertake further NEXT formation elements. What this means is that you have the choice to either give it all you've got for a year, or integrate NEXT into the other stuff you've got on over a couple of years.

WHAT ARE THE ACADEMIC STUDY REQUIREMENTS?

NEXT is an accredited Diploma offering of Whitley College. Depending on your choice of Core + Elective options you are able to complete a minimum of 4 and as many as 8 Diploma units in a year (a complete Diploma is 8 units). If you are also thinking about continuing on to further (post-NEXT) study, the units completed as part of NEXT can seamlessly form part of an Advanced Diploma or Bachelor award at Whitley College. You may also be able to transfer these units into courses of study at other universities but this will depend on their rules / policies of credit transfer.

WHAT ARE THE DOLLARS AND CENTS?

The NEXT Fee Schedule is as follows:

		Fee	Explanation
NEXT CORE	Tuition Fee	\$5544	There are four (4) subjects incorporated into the NEXT CORE experience. Cost per subject as per University of Divinity guidelines = \$1386.
	Special Instruction Fee	\$ 990	Because NEXT utilises a unique delivery method incorporating small group work, personal coaching, camps and retreats, an additional charge on top of the subject cost is required. Please note, FEE-HELP cannot be used for the Special Instruction Fee, but you can pay it by installments across the year.
	Total CORE Fee	\$6534	Tuition Fee plus Special Instruction Fee
Electives	Tuition Fee	\$1386	per elective

Fees are derived from the per/unit charge that is set by the University of Divinity (of which Whitley is a member college). For 2016, this is estimated to be \$1386 per unit. The Special Instruction Fee is additional because of the unique delivery method of the NEXT Core that includes retreats, personal coaching and the variety of experiences we will be undertaking. This fee can be paid up front or spread across the year through an installment plan. Adding on NEXT Elective Options will add around \$1386 for each unit/elective.

There are a number of payment options including access to FEE-HELP for all Tuition fees (but not the Special Instruction Fee). FEE-HELP will be available to all (Australian national) students and Youth Allowance may be available depending on your circumstances. FEE-HELP is handled directly through the College, however you will need to contact CentreLink directly to determine your eligibility for Youth Allowance.

WHO CAN APPLY (AND HOW)?

NEXT is an intentionally open program available to students from all kinds of backgrounds and abilities. As such, it doesn't have minimum ATAR (Woo Hoo!). However, you do need to show that you have completed year 12 or gained a Certificate IV to be eligible to apply. If English is not your first language please contact us so that we can discuss your application.

Applying for NEXT is straight forward, and takes place in just a few easy steps.

STEP 1) Complete the Expression of Interest Form attached

STEP 2) We will get back to you straight away with an application pack and to tee up a time for an interview

STEP 3) Complete the application pack and come in for the interview

(You can relax about the interview! Its just for us to get to know a bit of your story, for you to ask us any questions you might have, and so we can hear a little of your goals for NEXT and how we can shape things up so you can get the most out of the year)

HOW DOES MY APPLICATION INTERACT WITH THE VTAC PROCESS?

Applying for NEXT takes place directly with Whitley College. If you are in year 12, you do NOT use the VTAC process to apply for NEXT, instead your application can take place in parallel with the normal VTAC preferences and application process – that is, you can treat these as two separate processes that can take place alongside one another.

If you are thinking about undertaking further study after you're finished with NEXT you have three options.

1. NEXT seamlessly articulates into further study at Whitley College, including Advanced Diploma and Bachelor studies in Theology, Mission and Ministry.
2. You can use your NEXT study (partial or completed Diploma) as evidence of post-high school / undergraduate study that can support your application into other institutions.
3. You can complete your VTAC application / enrolment with another university and then seek to defer commencing your study there for a year. That way you can complete NEXT and then with the experience you've gained move on to your deferred study program.

Please Note: You can defer your uni course **only 1) after** you have received an offer; and **2) if** your course allows deferrals. You can get more info about course deferral at the VTAC website (<http://www.vtac.edu.au>) but also check the information available that is specific to the course you are interested in enrolling in.

If you are thinking about doing NEXT and deferring your Uni place, it is best to begin the process of application with NEXT now so that we can make sure there are enough places for our 2016 intake. If course deferral subsequently becomes a problem for you, you can always cancel your NEXT application.

SO ... WHAT'S NEXT (for you)?

Spaces for 2016 are limited and are taken on a first come first served basis. If you are still making up your mind about NEXT, get in touch with us for a chat or tee up a time for an interview. Talking it through always helps you get a better feel for what NEXT is all about, and if it's a good fit for you.

So, if you are feeling like NEXT could be an option for you, shoot us an email or give us a call – we'd love to hear from you.

NEXT Application Process

1. Complete the **Expression of Interest** form.
2. Work through the **Application Pack**
3. Come in for an **Interview**

NEXT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

YOUR DETAILS

Name:

Email:

Mobile:

Postal Address:

Home Phone:

Gender : Age:

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

(SELECT AS MANY OPTIONS AS YOU WISH)

- I'd like to apply for NEXT**
(Applicants, you must complete eligibility section on facing page →)
- I'd like to arrange an interview to discuss NEXT further.
- NEXT Updates:
Keep me in the loop when new information become available (NEXT Updates are released around 6 times per year)
- NEXT Faith Formation Blog
Alert me when there are NEXT Faith Formation Blog updates (The NEXT Faith Formation Blog shares research, experiences and insight into the faith journey of emerging and young adults. Around 15 updates per Year.)

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT NEXT?

(SELECT AS MANY OPTIONS AS YOU WISH)

- Friends
- School
- Pastor/Mentor
- Other:

Hand this form in to a NEXT representative or email it to info@next.asn.au. We will be back in touch with you as soon as we can.

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF YOU APPLYING OR INTENDING TO APPLY FOR NEXT PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Highest Secondary Schooling attained

Will complete VCE this year

VCE completed Year: ATAR:

Other:

Highest Other Degree / Diploma / Certificate

Award Name:

Institution:

Year: Language:

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Is English your first language

Yes No

Applicants whose first language is not English, please complete the following sections

Have you studied in English previously?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe your study experience:

Have you taken an English language proficiency test?

Yes No

If Yes, please describe when this occurred:

IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL OR ASK US?

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