

# What is Children's University?

Children's University Newcastle is an opportunity for primary school students to learn new skills outside of school, and explore new places in and around their local and regional communities.



All children that join receive a passport to log all their hours of learning. Children will work towards 30 hours of learning in their first CU year to be invited to a celebratory graduation ceremony held at the University of Newcastle. There are certificate levels up to 1000 hours so children can keep moving through the different levels.

## Our Aim

Fostering curiosity and a love of life long learning

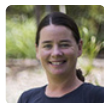
## Our Mission

Encouraging members to try new experiences, develop new interests and acquire new skills



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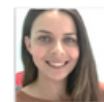
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# **Passports**

The Passport to Learning is where students record each activity, along with the time spent, and is validated from either the Learning Destination, the in-school coordinator or a Children's University Project Officer (parents cannot stamp or sign a child's passport).

DATE	HOURS	ACTIVITY	STAMP OF APPROVAL
5/1/16	3	CU Learning Family Meeting	
7/1/16	1 1/2	CU @ Carriageworks	
26/1/16	3	Disney Dream World Sydney	
10/4/17	3	Kumar Kari Aquatic Centre	
11/4/17	3	Mingus Aquatic Centre	
Remember, if you have an E-Passport, you should add these here too			
DATE	HOURS	ACTIVITY	STAMP OF APPROVAL
2/4/17	3	Charleston Heights GKA	
3/7/17	2	Bunnings	
4/7/17	4	Hunter Botanical Gardens	
5/11/17	3	CU @ Carriageworks	
27/4/18	1	Harry Potter Escape Room	
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## **What activities can be included?**

Learning activities must take place outside of the normal school curriculum time, so activities before school, in recess, at lunchtime and after school are included as well as weekend and school holiday activities.

Some examples include, but are not limited to:

- Any club /association based activity – sport/musical/cultural (capped at 10 hours)
- School clubs/groups (occurring before, at lunch after school- capped at 10 hours)
- Online learning experiences (CU has a website full of new learning experience)
- Community events eg -museums, art galleries, cultural festivals and events, workshops etc (capped at 2 hours.)

Students must provide evidence of learning to the

- 1.in-school coordinator, this could be, but is not limited to, a video or written diary, photos of the experience, a conversation with the school coordinator about what the student learnt, a piece of craft created as part of the experience, a poster or presentation, or a worksheet provided at the experience.

## **Learning Destinations**

The CU Newcastle program aims to link children and families to opportunities for extra learning within their own communities. Learning destinations are local businesses, clubs, libraries and associations that are in partnership with CU Newcastle. Learning Destinations are able to stamp or validate learning in a students' passport and are regularly promoted on the CU Newcastle facebook page

[www.facebook.com/ChildrensUniversityNewcastle](http://www.facebook.com/ChildrensUniversityNewcastle) as well as on the CU Web portal. Children's University Newcastle is currently in partnership with over 110 learning Destinations.



## **Web Portal**

[www.cuaportal.com](http://www.cuaportal.com)

The CU web portal has been created for all students enrolled in Children's Universities across Australia and New Zealand. Online activities are uploaded regularly and students can log in, complete these activities and submit them to their in-school coordinator for more time in their passport (opt-in). The portal also contains an up-to-date list of CU Newcastle's Learning Destinations and any events, workshops or classes they may be hosting across the year.

Enrolled students will be given a username and password to access the portal in early term 2. Tutorials on how to use the web portal can be found on our YouTube channel

[www.shorturl.at/bsMUY](http://www.shorturl.at/bsMUY)

## **On Campus Discovery Days**

On Campus Days are an opportunity to showcase future possibilities and open the scope of curiosity and discovery for children and their family members.

On Campus days occur in Term 2 and are treated as a school excursion. On campus venues include Callaghan Campus (Newcastle West), NU Space (Newcastle East), Ourimbah Campus (Central Coast), Taree (Mid North Coast)



## **Graduation**

Graduation Ceremonies are held in Term 4 in the Great Hall at the University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus and in The Fine Arts Space of Ourimbah Campus. Graduating students are able to, in a graduation cap and gown cross, the stage and collect their certificate/s.

Graduations are an event where students, their families and carers come together with their schools, Learning Destinations, local communities at the University to celebrate the achievements of students in the CU Newcastle program.

