TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute (NSI) uses the Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre for a range of teaching and learning purposes to cater for the local community. The centre is used to:

- Deliver core programs to Aboriginal students such as indigenous tour guiding.
- Deliver non-Indigenous core programs such as events management and tour guiding.
- Deliver commercial cultural awareness programs.
- Conduct Aboriginal cultural education training for all staff.
- Foster the development of partnerships and relationships between NSI, schools, local Aboriginal community, industry and other agencies.
- Provide Aboriginal school students with a welcoming learning facility which helps develop their understanding of, and familiarisation with TAFE NSW colleges.
- Provide a venue for the artefacts exhibition for Aboriginal school student excursions.
- Provide a meeting place for Aboriginal community groups.
- Provide Aboriginal students with a place to meet NSI Aboriginal staff.

For more information about the centre phone 131 674 or visit www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au

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About the Centre

The Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre, Northern Beaches College was developed by TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney Institute, Northern Beaches College in consultation with the local Aboriginal community.

Positioned in the centre of Northern Beaches College, the learning centre is surrounded by natural bushland, has full accessibility and is close to amenities such as the library, cafeteria and College Association.

The concept of establishing a dedicated teaching and learning space at Northern Beaches College was seeded in 2001 and supported by local state schools and the Aboriginal community.

Designed by Aboriginal architect Dillon Kombumerri, the centre boasts striking architectural features in harmony with the natural environment. Reflective of the name GAWURA meaning 'whale', the building is representative of a whale as it migrates along the eastern seaboard. A large mural of a whale has also been etched into the floor covering.

In addition to the building's spectacular design and large teaching and learning space, the centre provides an office, exhibition/meeting room, store room and kitchenette.

The Gawura Aboriginal Learning Centre is strongly themed as a welcoming place for teaching and learning.

A dedicated large collection of Aboriginal books, DVD's and other items is available in the Indigenous section of the college library. The Australian Museum has loaned cultural and archaeological material from the anthropological collections of the museum which is exhibited in the learning centre.