About the Centre

The New Norcia Education Centre was established in 1996 as the key to unlocking New Norcia’s unique Monastic, European and Aboriginal heritage.

Located just 132 km North East of Perth, it is the perfect destination for a school camp and a getaway from everyday life. Once you arrive at this living museum, surrounded by a 8375 hectare farm, you will see it is well worth the drive!

New Norcia is a place that captures the imagination of young and old, and inspires them to create, perform and enjoy. It has a wide variety of performance and practice spaces with a selection of acoustics and musical equipment, as well as a swimming pool, sporting courts and ovals.

Programmes/Camps

Aboriginal Studies

- Prindiville Aboriginal Display Room
- Traditional Body Decoration, Music & Dance
- Aboriginal Tool Making
- Maya-Maya Building
- Spear and Boomerang Throwing
- Nyoongar Language & Nyoongar Legends
- Aboriginal Art Workshop
- Bush Tucker Walk (seasonal)
- Aboriginal Cosmology & Spirituality
- St Joseph’s Exhibition
- St.Mary’s Art Panels

Society & the Environment

- Heritage Town Tour
- College Art & Architecture & Basic Drawing
- Bakery
- Orienteering
- River Walk including Old Well & Apiary
- Olive Oil Production
- Machinery Shed (self guided)
- New Norcia Museum
- Art Interpretation
- New Norcia Art Gallery
- Cemetery Discovery Study: Carpe Diem
- European Space Agency (ESA) Interpretive Room

Monastic Life

- The Habits of New Norcia
- Prayers with the monks
- The Miracle of New Norcia
- Monastery Gates & New Norcia Coat of Arms
- Australian Contemporary Religious Art Gallery
- Lectio Divina (sacred reading)
- Reflection Time
- Reconciliation/Mass/Para-Liturgy

Other

- Confirmation Preparation Programme
- Student retreats & personal development camps
- CEO Accreditation Programme
- History of the Catholic Church in Western Australia
- Music & art camps
- Staff retreats, personal development, staff professional development

Accommodation

St Gertrude’s College
Opened 1908 and was a boarding school. It can accommodate groups up to 120 and has private cubicles with carpeted floors, private staff rooms with en-suite, a lounge and small kitchen.

St Ildephonsus’ College
Opened 1913 and was a boarding school. It can accommodate groups up to 80, has carpeted open dormitories, private staff lounge and interior courtyards.

The Old Convent
Originally the home of the Spanish Benedictine Sisters. It can accommodate up to 30 people, features a staff staff lounge with kitchen facilities, access to rooms and kindy, and self-catering facilities.

A full catering service is provided for groups of any size. Self-catering facilities are available for groups up to 20 people.