

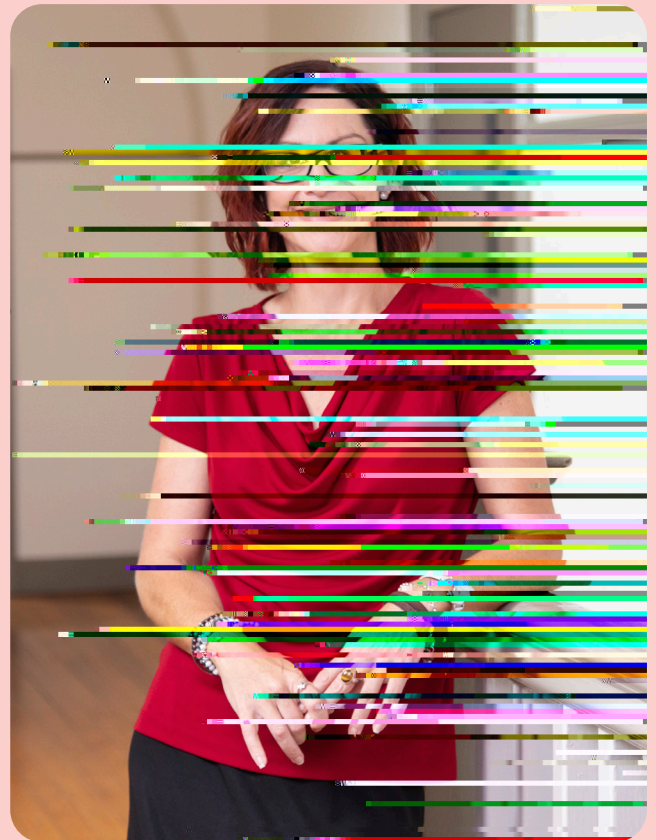
Rowan Cox, Not-for-Profit Education and Training Provider, Announces Strategic Leadership Transition

Atwea College, a leading community-based not-for-profit education and training provider, announces a strategic leadership transition as Rowan Cox, current Chief Executive Officer, assumes a new role within the organisation.

Since Rowan's appointment as General Manager in 2013 and CEO in 2016, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, guiding Atwea through industry and funding changes, compliance regulations as well as successfully operating throughout the Covid era. Under her guidance, the company has achieved significant growth and expanded its presence in the Hunter and Mid North Coast.

Rowan will be transitioning to the Principal role, of the very successful Alesco Secondary College within Atwea, effective January 2024. In this new capacity, she will take leadership of the school, and focus on continuing

and stated, "I am beyond excited to be able to focus energy and attention, my capabilities, and skills to improve the capacity of Alesco to provide learning opportunities that enhance people's lives and unlock their potential. I know the next CEO of Atwea will take the organisation into the future with clear vision and strong leadership to ensure success continues to follow where they lead".



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Atwea has a long and proud history as the leading provider of community-based adult learning in the Hunter Region. Atwea is a public company limited by guarantee. It is an independent non-profit community-based organisation whose aim is to promote and provide educational opportunities for the communities in which it exists. Atwea is among the larger providers of community-based adult learning in NSW and when Government Contract Training, Business and Industry Training, Youth Programs including the very successful secondary school model of Alesco Senior College are added – this not only makes Atwea one of the largest but also one of the most diverse training providers in NSW.

While some of our income is generated from the general community, we also successfully tender for government funded and private sector business funded courses and programs. Atwea is committed to ensuring training is available to all sectors of the community, including business operators and corporate clients. Atwea offers between 250 and 350 courses each year.

No matter who the client is, we aim to provide a ‘value-for-investment’ learning experience. Atwea makes a substantial contribution not just to the local economy but more importantly to the wellbeing of individuals within the community. Be it through skill enhancement, personal development, or increased self-esteem, Atwea’s objective of being a conduit through which individuals unlock their potential is being realised every day. We hope that by contributing to the development of individuals, Atwea in turns allows those individuals to contribute fully to their community and society in general.

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Alesco Secondary College is a registered and accredited Independent Non Government Secondary School which offers a personalised and flexible learning environment that caters to individual student needs, in relatively small classes, where openness, non-threatening and less formal approaches are the cornerstones of learning. Alesco promotes the importance of wellbeing and learning in balance to achieve success for each individual student. Alesco’s unique school model and demonstrated success have firmly solidified its place in the alternative school education space. Many other schools like Alesco now operate in NSW and Victoria, but it all started right here in Newcastle. Campuses are located across the region servicing Newcastle areas (Cooks Hill Campus), Cessnock