TAFE Illawarra to host official opening of new facilities at Queanbeyan Campus

Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP will officially open the new facilities at TAFE Illawarra’s Queanbeyan Campus on Monday 23 April 2012 at 10am.

According to Christine Warrington, Relieving Institute Director, the $5.5 million investment funded by the Australian Federal Government has enabled the construction of a multi-purpose trade facility which was completed in late 2011.

“This new facility will support future economic and employment opportunities by providing a more effective learning environment for students in the South East NSW region,” said Christine.

“It will also enable the delivery of a significantly different style of Vocational Higher School Certificate to students.”

The Queanbeyan and South East Industry Training College is an initiative involving the strength of Schools and TAFE partnerships in the delivery of a vocationally oriented Higher School Certificate incorporating trade level qualifications. The College is a partnership between the Department of Education and Communities, Illawarra and South East Region and TAFE Illawarra with classes conducted at Queanbeyan Campus for students enrolled at Karabar Distance Education School.

“The new multi-purpose facility will provide state-of-the-art facilities and equipment for the delivery of automotive engineering and industrial technology courses,” she added.

“The facility will also include refurbishment of two other buildings for the delivery of general education, health assisting, aged care and hairdressing.

“In addition, equipment will also be purchased for the delivery of hospitality and building and construction training at Karabar High School as well as refurbishment of the carpentry section at the school.

“Other investment will include the purchase of video conferencing equipment for high schools in the South East Region to enable students to participate via connected classrooms,” she said.

“The expansion of Queanbeyan Campus will allow for growth in traditional trade areas and programs that meet the needs of the local industry and community,” she added.

The Campus will now offer courses such as Certificate III in Aged Care, Certificate II in Hairdressing (TAFE Delivered vocational education and training - TVET), Certificate III in Children’s Services for existing workers, Pre-apprenticeship courses in Bricklaying as well as Certificate III in Bricklaying for block release trade students, Certificate III in Horticulture, Responsible Services of Alcohol (RSA) and Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG) and Commercial programs in Bricklaying for School Teachers.

Media are invited to attend the Official Opening:

Date: Monday 23 April 2012
Time: 10am (arrive at 9.50am)
Venue: Queanbeyan Campus
Building F
Corner Buttle and MacQuoid Streets, Queanbeyan

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