

# Media Release

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## INVESTMENT TO TRANSFORM TAFE IN FRANKSTON

Thousands of extra students will be able to access vital training for in-demand jobs at one of Victoria's most advanced and innovative training and skills institutes in Frankston.

Minister for Higher Education Gayle Tierney today visited Chisholm Institute's Frankston campus to discuss details of the Andrews Labor Governments \$67.6 million investment to deliver Stage 2 of the Campus Redevelopment Project - which will provide students with a new modern, cutting edge, multi-level learning facility.

The project is part of the overall \$107.6 million investment in the *Building Better TAFEs* fund.

Stage 2 works include the demolition of Buildings C and E and the construction of a new 9600 square metre, multi-level learning facility, including new outdoor spaces.

It will enable more than 2000 additional students to undertake Vocational Education and Training (VET) and higher education classes at the Frankston campus and cater for the delivery of courses including early childhood and community services, health and human services, art and design, management and justice and youth.

Works are expected to start in July 2021 and create 136 local construction jobs.

The new works are on top of an \$83.5 million investment by the Labor Government for Stage 1 works, completed last year.

Those works included new state-of-the-art facilities for health, community care, early childhood education and hair, beauty and wellness, purpose-built trades facilities and innovative student spaces.

The redevelopment will make the Frankston campus one of the most advanced and innovative training and skills institutes in Australia.

The *Victorian Budget 2020/21* announced this week includes an unprecedented overall investment of \$1 billion to ensure Victoria has the training and skills system it needs as the state emerges from the global pandemic.

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Training and Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney**

*"This is how you get people back into education and employment - you give them the very best learning experience possible so they can have faith that the training they are getting is the most up-to-date and relevant available."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke**

*"These works will connect thousands of people living in the Frankston region with modern facilities to complete the training they need to get the jobs they want."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Carrum Sonya Kilkenny**

*"This investment will mean that locals can get the best training right on their doorstep."*

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