

Media Release

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WORK STARTS ON ULTRA-MODERN TAFE GIPPSLAND CAMPUS

Building is under way for the state-of-the-art new TAFE campus for residents and TAFE students in Wellington Shire.

Minister for Training and Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney today announced the sod on the new \$25 million Port of Sale campus of TAFE Gippsland.

The campus will deliver education and training facilities for a range of industry and academic disciplines that will meet industry and community needs and improve access to training for students across the region.

The development will provide purpose-built facilities for a variety of courses including health and social services, early childhood, carpentry, engineering and automotive trade.

The new TAFE campus has been designed by Victorian architects GHD Woodhead Architecture, and being built by McCorkell Constructions.

Construction is expected to be completed in 2021, with the campus expected to open in early 2022.

The Andrews Labor Government is helping more Victorians find their path to a job, with \$1 billion invested in the *Victorian Budget 2020/21* to ensure Victoria has the training and skills system it needs as the state emerges from the global pandemic.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has invested more than \$1.7 billion to rebuild our TAFE system.

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

“The Port of Sale development is another great example of the cutting-edge training facilities we’re building to meet the needs of local students and industry as they adapt in a changing economy.”

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Jane Garrett

“When completed, the new campus will provide more opportunities to learn new skills and gain qualifications that will lead to local jobs.”

Quotes attributable to TAFE Gippsland Chief Executive Grant Radford

“Our Port of Sale campus will meet local industry and community needs with its central location providing greater accessibility to training for students across the region.”