

# Media Release

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## MELBOURNE POLYTECHNIC REVAMP ANOTHER STEP CLOSER

Melbourne-based Tectura Architects has been appointed to transform the Melbourne Polytechnic Collingwood campus into a world-class education, industry and community precinct.

The \$40 million project set to be delivered by the Victorian Government will revitalise TAFE in Melbourne's inner north by enabling more students to study from an expanded choice of courses.

The existing multi-storey building will be redeveloped and a new building and carpark will also be built at the precinct.

The redeveloped campus will offer courses including information technology, creative arts and English as a Second Language (EAL) as well as Free TAFE courses like Community Services and Cyber Security.

It will also help Melbourne Polytechnic foster a deeper connection with the local community and industry and establish new commercial revenue streams.

Works are expected to start in 2021 and finish in 2023 with students welcomed on campus in 2024. Around 50 jobs will be created during construction.

The project is part of a \$107.6 million investment in TAFE infrastructure as part of the *2020/21 Victorian Budget*.

The Labor Government has made a record \$3.2 billion investment to rebuild TAFE and support universities and higher education to ensure Victorians have access to high quality education and rewarding career pathways.

The *Victorian Budget 2021/22* includes a \$383.8 million investment in the sector to ensure more Victorians get the training they need for in-demand jobs.

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

*"This exciting announcement signals the next step in the transformation of Melbourne Polytechnic's Collingwood campus – which is part of our unprecedented investment in the skills and training sector."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Northern Metropolitan Sheena Watt**

*"This project will provide first-class training to Victorians right here in the inner-north – and help meet the demand for skilled workers in growing industries across the state."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne**

*"The revamped Collingwood campus won't just offer fantastic training to Victorians but will also be a place for the community and industry to gather – adding to the vibrancy of the area."*

### **Quote attributable to Melbourne Polytechnic CEO Frances Coppolillo**

*"Melbourne Polytechnic is excited about revitalising TAFE delivery at the Collingwood Campus to meet the needs of the local community and industry."*

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