

# Media Release

**The Hon Gayle Tierney MLC**

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Minister for Training and Skills  
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## VICTORIAN TAFE GETS NATIONAL GONG SIXTH YEAR IN A ROW

A Victorian TAFE has been named Large Training Provider of the Year at the Australian Training Awards for the sixth consecutive year.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today congratulated the Victorian winners who were named at the ceremony held in Perth on Thursday night.

William Angliss Institute took out this year's Large Training Provider of the Year award for the sixth time, which has also previously been awarded to other Victorian TAFEs including South West TAFE, SuniTAFE, Wodonga TAFE, Gordon TAFE and Box Hill Institute since 2016.

The world-class Victorian skills and training sector was celebrated through the achievements of five winners and a runner-up, while a further eight Victorian students, teachers, employers and organisations were recognised as finalists.

The Australian Training Awards highlight outstanding achievements by the nation's best students, teachers, trainers and employers in the vocational education and training sector.

The Andrews 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.

Find out more about the Australian Training Awards at [australiantrainingawards.gov.au](http://australiantrainingawards.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

*"The awards Victorians won last night proves what we already know – Victoria has the best TAFE and training sector in the nation."*

*"William Angliss has now been named Australia's best Large Training Provider six years in a row – and five other Victorian TAFEs won it before then – proving we are the Education State."*

*"We have made a record investment in skills and training and we will continue to back the system to provide students, trainers and employers with the best possible opportunities."*

Victorian winners at the Australian Training Awards:

- **Large Training Provider of the Year Award** – William Angliss Institute
- **Australian Apprenticeships – Employer Award** - WPC Group - Esso Australia
- **Excellence in Language, Literacy and Numeracy Practice Award** – Dean Champ
- **Vocational Student of the Year Award** – Samantha Daly
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award (runner up)** – Lucas Price

Victorian finalists at the Australian Training Awards:

- **School Pathways to VET Award** – Geelong Industry Trade Training Centre
- **Small Training Provider of the Year Award** – Builders Academy Australia
- **Large Employer of the Year Award** – Metro Trains Melbourne
- **Small Employer of the Year Award** – Swell Constructions
- **VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award** – Julie Kramer
- **Trainee of the Year Award** – Samantha Brown
- **Australian School-based Apprentice or Trainee of the Year Award** – Laura Davidson
- **Apprentice of the Year Award** – Andrew Jan