

# Media Release

**The Hon Gayle Tierney MLC**

Deputy Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council

Minister for Training and Skills

Minister for Higher Education



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## **FOSTERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF AUTOMOTIVE WORKERS**

The Andrews Labor Government will invest in a raft of new equipment for automotive apprentices at Kangan TAFE, boosting traditional trades training opportunities and fostering a pipeline of skilled workers in Victoria.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today visited the Automotive Centre of Excellence at Docklands to announce the \$1.3 million investment.

The funding will help Kangan TAFE purchase new equipment including a range of high-end electronic training board car simulators, new computers and software programs.

It will allow students to hone their skills on a variety of vehicle models – from a 20-year-old Toyota Prius to a 2021 Tesla and clean, green cars of the future.

Importantly, the investment ensures Kangan TAFE courses are aligned with industry and that graduates are job-ready.

The investment was delivered through the \$12 million TAFE Equipment and Facilities Fund and is part of the Labor Government's 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.

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

*"This investment will help Kangan TAFE purchase the equipment local apprentices need to learn their trade – securing a pipeline of highly skilled automotive workers now and into the future."*

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

*"We know how lifechanging TAFE and training is to Victorians – which is why we'll always back the sector through record investments, strengthening training and campuses right across Victoria."*

### **Quote attributable to Kangan Institute CEO Sally Curtain**

*"We are committed to the future of our students and the future of industry. This grant is a fantastic step towards futureproofing industry and their workforce."*