

Media Release

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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."