

Media Release

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WORLD-CLASS FACILITIES TO TRANSFORM COLLINGWOOD TAFE

Melbourne Polytechnic has unveiled the first look at a revitalised Collingwood TAFE campus, as works get under way to transform the site into a world-class education, industry and community precinct, made possible by a \$40 million Andrews Labor Government investment.

Minister for Training and Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney today revealed the first artist's impressions of the project and announced the start of works of the campus, which will be built by West Melbourne-based Building Engineering Pty Ltd.

The Labor Government deeply values TAFE and has invested a record \$3.2 billion since being elected in 2014 to create a world-class system – also reopening campuses at Greensborough, Lilydale and Glenormiston closed at the hands of Matthew Guy's Liberals.

Under the project plan – designed by Tectura Architects – the existing multi-storey building will be redeveloped to include state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces, contemporary collaboration and library spaces, front-of-house services and student services.

The redevelopment of this iconic site will allow Melbourne Polytechnic to revitalise the delivery of TAFE services in Melbourne's inner north while fostering strong connections with industry and the local community.

The campus will offer courses in growth areas including information technology, business, creative arts and English as an Additional Language, as well as Free TAFE courses in areas such as community services and cyber security.

Building work is expected to finish in late 2023, with the revitalised campus re-opening to students in early 2024. It is anticipated the construction work will create 33 jobs.

For digital renders of the re-development please contact ben.ansell@minstaff.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

"This project will give thousands of Victorians access to world-class vocational education and training – securing more workers in priority industries and building key skills for the future."

"All Victorians deserve the chance to gain new skills and get into secure jobs. This transformation will revitalise skills-based education in Melbourne's inner north and give thousands the support they need."

Quotes attributable to Melbourne Polytechnic Chief Executive Officer Frances Coppolillo

"Melbourne Polytechnic has been providing education and training to the Collingwood community and Melbourne's inner north since around 1910. We are a part of the community's history and remain committed to its future."

"The project will breathe new life into this campus. It will provide much-needed future-focused education and training opportunities for the community and contribute to the vibrancy of the dynamic Collingwood precinct."

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