

Media Release

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DELIVERING TAFE TRAINING THAT LEADS TO JOBS IN BENDIGO

Students at Bendigo TAFE will have access to more training in the skills needed to get jobs in demand across the Loddon Mallee region thanks to funding from the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today visited Bendigo TAFE to announce a \$2.2 million boost to deliver 10 courses at the Bendigo campus.

Courses have been developed in collaboration with industry, employers and other key local stakeholders and will provide vital training across the plumbing, horticulture, disability support, government, agriculture and construction sectors.

The Labor Government is also delivering \$1.2 million in funding for training in the industrial application of drone technology – qualifying students in the use of the technology and positioning them to take up jobs in cutting-edge fields and future industries.

The Enhancing Workforce Capability Through Industrial Application of Drone Technology Project will allow students to exploit the full potential of drones at Bendigo TAFE and at various other regional and metropolitan TAFEs.

Skilled workers are in high demand across Victoria, which is why the *Victorian Budget 2018/19* is investing an additional \$644 million to strengthen TAFE, address skills shortages and ensure all Victorians can access the training they need to get a good job.

To make it easier to access training and pathways to an apprenticeship, the Labor Government is investing \$172 million to make 30 priority TAFE courses and 20 pre-apprenticeship courses that lead to jobs that are most in demand from Victorian employers tuition free.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

“This funding is supporting our TAFEs to deliver cutting edge training that keeps pace with changing industry needs.”

“The previous Liberal Government spent four years cutting TAFE and closing campuses – we’re rebuilding TAFE to provide industry relevant training that gets Victorians into jobs.”

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

“We’re making sure that people in Bendigo and surrounding areas have the opportunity to access training and get a job without having to leave the region.”

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo East Jacinta Allan

“This training links Bendigo students with the skills industry are asking for and puts them first in line for jobs in demand across the region.”