

Media Release

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SOUTH-WEST VICTORIA SHARES IN MASSIVE TRAINING BOOST

South West Victoria will get a first-class TAFE learning and library hub, as well as upgrades to student accommodation at local agricultural training campuses, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today announced the *Victorian Budget 2019/20* will invest \$231.1 million to continue strengthening vocational education and training across Victoria, including in the south west.

This funding will build a new learning and library hub in Warrnambool, and upgrade accommodation at South West TAFE's Glenormiston campus and Longerenong College.

The Labor Government is providing more than \$17 million towards South West TAFE's new learning and library hub in Warrnambool, with Warrnambool City Council contributing the remaining funds for the \$20.3 million project.

The new hub in the heart of Warrnambool will be open to the community and include public computers, exhibition and display areas, study and play spaces for children, meeting rooms, and games and a digital media zone.

South West TAFE's Glenormiston campus and Longerenong College will share in \$6 million, along with the University of Melbourne's Dookie campus, to upgrade accommodation facilities.

The funding is part of a \$57 million Budget investment in TAFE facilities and campuses, under the Building Better TAFEs fund so that all Victorians can access and learn at a great local TAFE.

The Budget builds on the Labor Government's reforms that put TAFE at the centre of Victoria's training and skills system, giving young people and those re-training the skills they need for the job they want.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

"The new learning and library hub will benefit Warrnambool and the whole region."

"This investment means that students and the community have a modern, fit-for-purpose space for study, research and social activities."

"These new facilities will also have study and play areas for children, games and digital media, and public computers for everyone – benefiting people of all ages and interests."