CIT’s Double Duty for PM

It was a case of double VIP duty for the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) when Prime Minister Julia Gillard asked to use CIT’s facilities over two days to help promote the Government’s 2011 Budget announcements.

Central to the new budget is a focus on education and apprenticeships, and the Prime Minister took advantage of her visits to the CIT Fyshwick Trade Skills Centre and the CIT Reid Campus’ Hospitality building to meet with students and hear their stories of how their apprenticeships were helping them build meaningful careers.

Accompanied by the Deputy Prime Minister Wayne Swan (Fyshwick only) and Federal Education Minister Chris Evans, the Prime Minister looked well at ease with staff and students, a reflection of the Prime Minister’s time spent previously as the Federal Minister for Education.

The decision to use the CIT facilities came at short notice, but CIT Chief Executive Adrian Marron said he was pleased for the opportunity to host nationally important statements on education.

“Everyone involved pulled together quickly and effectively to support the Prime Minister’s visit, which allowed our visitors and the Media alike to maximise their time spent at CIT,” he said.

“Even the journalists and cameramen were full of praise for the staff and students for their cooperation, which is high praise indeed.

“Ultimately though, it was a great opportunity for our students to see that vocational training is held in the highest regard by those in our highest echelons of government.”