New face of training in the Kimberley unveiled

Portfolio: Training and Workforce Development

- Minister unveils new name and identity for Kimberley TAFE
- Major step towards transforming the State’s training sector
- Eight of WA’s 10 State Training Providers already changed

Training and Workforce Development Minister Peter Collier has unveiled the latest change on the path to greater independence for Kimberley TAFE.

The college will become Kimberley Training Institute, acknowledging its reputation as a leader in delivering innovative and flexible training throughout the region.

Mr Collier said more than just a name change, this was another step in the Liberal-National Government’s strategy to transform Western Australia’s training sector.

“This new name and identity will signify a change in direction for the college, ensuring it stands apart from other training providers,” he said.

“It will allow the college to market its individual strengths and open up new opportunities for the region’s residents, for whom the only real option in the past has been access via metropolitan institutions.”

The Minister said the change was in response to his call to provide colleges with greater independence. Eight of WA’s 10 State Training Providers had already undergone changes to position themselves as Centres of Excellence.

“Through the Training WA strategy, I provided all TAFE colleges with an opportunity to reinvent themselves, enabling them to be more competitive in the training market and responsive to industry needs,” he said.

“The aim is to fundamentally change the approach to training to further improve the quality and status of training in WA, and to ensure the State develops a skilled workforce for the future.”

Fact File

- Training delivery at Kimberley Training Institute has grown significantly with 2011 planned delivery expected to be 43 per cent more than occurred in 2010
- The institute has six campuses across the region, providing training to nearly 2,000 Aboriginal students in its more than 4,000 total

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