New Era in VET as TasTAFE Begins

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Minister for Education and Skills

An exciting new era in Vocational Education and Training (VET) has begun today with the first day of operation of TasTAFE.

Officially launching TasTAFE at the Burnie campus, Minister for Education and Skills, Nick McKim, said the organisation would build on the strengths of the Tasmanian Polytechnic and the Tasmanian Skills Institute to provide a great range of options and pathways for Tasmanians to gain vocational skills.

“I believe this new organisation will see the entire VET system improved and rejuvenated,” he said.

“Throughout the TasTAFE transition, feedback from a wide range of stakeholders has been sought to ensure that TasTAFE is firmly established as an organisation that meets the needs of the community it serves.

“It will be responsive to both industry and individuals and will result in quality training, improved outcomes and ease of access for learners and employers.

“Through TasTAFE’s 14 campuses, Tasmanians can choose from a huge range of options – from how to care for children or the elderly, to how to drive a fork truck or manage large, complex projects.

“People can come as an apprentice or a trainee, with the support of an employer or because they want to re-enter the workforce or upgrade their existing skills.

“I’d like to congratulate all of the staff who have worked so hard to ensure that the transition to the new TasTAFE is as seamless and streamlined as possible for students.

“TasTAFE is absolutely vital for Tasmania – for the skill development and productivity of its workforce and for the State’s economic and social progress.

“I know it will be of enormous benefit to Tasmanian students, employers and industry for many years to come,” Mr McKim said.