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\$1.77 BILLION FOR TAFE NSW TO HELP MORE PEOPLE GET JOB READY

The NSW Government is investing \$1.77 billion in TAFE NSW to boost vocational education and training and deliver the skilled workforce of the future.

Assistant Minister for Skills Adam Marshall said NSW Budget 2018 would deliver additional frontline teachers, an ambitious capital works program and enhance TAFE NSW's ability to train the State's future workforce.

"This Government is committed to continuing its reforms to TAFE NSW which will further strengthen its position as Australia's largest education and training provider," Mr Marshall said.

"With \$1.77 billion in expenditure – or a whopping 80 per cent of the State's Skills Budget – TAFE NSW will deliver state-of-the-art training to students across the State, whether they live in our cities or rural and regional NSW.

"This significant quantum of funding demonstrates the NSW Government's commitment to strengthening and modernising TAFE NSW and ensuring the State has a workforce trained for the jobs of the future."

\$18.5 million will be allocated to recruit up to 253 additional frontline teachers to meet increased demand for trade qualifications across the State.

\$179.5 million of capital expenditure will support capital works projects, including new Connected Learning Centres in rural and regional NSW, campus upgrades and specialist training facilities. This represents an increase of \$64.9 million on 2017-18 capital works expenditure.

The NSW Government's investment in TAFE NSW is on top of the \$285 million also in NSW Budget 2018 for 100,000 free apprenticeships.

TAFE NSW remains the nation's largest education and training provider with students enrolled in over 1,200 nationally recognised qualifications designed to deliver the skills and training needed to get jobs.

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