



# Hunter is going for gold

## TAFE on top of skills

TAFE NSW Hunter Institute has been recognised as one of Australia's top training providers for tourism and hospitality.

The institute's tourism and hospitality faculty was awarded a two gold-star rating following a trial of the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence's new star rating scheme, which evaluates the training offered by TAFEs and private education providers across Australia.

Hunter Institute director Phil Cox said the rating was well deserved by the faculty and reflected the quality of education provided at Hunter TAFE.

"The rating reflects our ability to provide students with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to pursue a successful career and demonstrates that we have the strong and continual support of industry firmly behind us," he said.

"The strength of the training offered through Hunter TAFE's Tourism and Hospitality Faculty will go a long way in addressing the current skills shortages experienced by local industry.

"The rating gives the faculty the credit it deserves."

The rating scheme offers a benchmarking system which evaluates the quality of training offered by institutions across the country.

The star rating scheme has the option of awarding a three gold-star rating, two gold-star rating, one gold-star rating or a nil star rating if the provider does not meet the stringent criteria outlined by the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence.