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Western Institute TAFE's Bathurst Campus recognised for excellence in Automotive

TAFE NSW Western Institute's Bathurst College has been recognised as a leading registered training organisation with a One Gold Star Rating for their automotive courses.

The Star Rating Scheme is administered by The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence and recognises excellence in trade skills training among TAFE and Registered Training Organisations.

Brian Wexham, Chief Executive Officer of The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence, said the One Gold Star Rating was recognition of the high quality of teaching delivered.

"This recognises the standing that our automotive teachers have achieved in their industry and their commitment to their students. It also validates the decisions of those who choose our Institute to complete their training."

The Star Rating Scheme identifies the very best training providers, industry by industry, to enable employers, career counsellors, potential students, and parents to distinguish excellence in trade training by evaluating training providers.

Industry areas within Registered Training Organisations which apply receive either a: One Gold Star; Two Gold Star; or Three Gold Star Rating to indicate that they have achieved excellent results for their students.

The Star Rating Scheme focuses on the following eight areas of skill shortage:

- Automotive
- Building and Construction
- Electrical
- Hospitality and Personal Services
- Manufacturing
- Metals and Engineering

- Mineral Resources
- Rural and Farming

Evaluations are carried out against three broad criteria that were developed in partnership with the industry.

The evaluation process includes an initial self evaluation by the relevant faculty or school, followed by a site visit to schools or faculties who demonstrate potential to achieve a One Gold Star, Two Gold Star or Three Gold Star rating.

“The Star Rating Scheme reassures students that they are selecting the most appropriate course,” Mr Wexham said.

“One of the biggest concerns when choosing a course is whether or not it will get people the job they want when they complete the course. Thanks to the Star Ratings Scheme, prospective students and employers now have a credible source to validate a course.

“The Scheme aims to recognise high performing registered training providers such as TAFE NSW Western Institute, and help individual schools and faculties understand exactly what their clients want from their training.

“The Star Rating Scheme is an industry driven initiative and has been developed by The Institute and industry to provide a platform that will deliver the vocational training outcomes required to meet industry needs.”

Institute Director, TAFE NSW Western Institute, Adrian Mitchell said, “The process to help us obtain independent, industry recognition has been valuable and reinforces our goal to ensure our apprentices and trainees have the right skills to contribute to industry and the region’s economy.”

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