



## **CAPABILITY STATEMENT**

**The Faculty of Manufacturing and Engineering, Mount Druitt College,  
TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute.**

The Faculty of Manufacturing and Engineering, Mt Druitt College of TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute has been recognised by the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence as one of Australia's premier providers and awarded three gold stars under the Star Rating Scheme.

Mt Druitt College delivers nationally recognised qualifications based on the endorsed standards of the Competitive Manufacturing, Food Processing and Manufactured Mineral Products Training Packages as well as publicly funded and fee for service enterprise based training.

A summary of Mt Druitt College's strengths against the evaluation criteria are:

### **Training and assessment which focuses on enterprise and learner needs**

Comprehensive measures are in place to identify and meet learner and enterprise needs through a detailed Service Delivery Strategy and a Business Strategy Plan. The provision of client-driven customised programs is reflected through the Commercial Business Unit, the development of customised Service Proposals involving extensive industry consultation, the Marketing Plan for Competitive Manufacturing Solutions and the wide use of electives in mainstream programs.

Holistic assessment is used through the implementation of project-based approaches with enterprises, especially in the Competitive Manufacturing area. Recognition of Prior Learning practices are formalised at enrolment and trend data reflects a progressive increase in the level of recognition. Learner feedback and industry consultation and feedback measures are both formal and informal and reflect increasing levels of client satisfaction.

### **Excellent trainers and assessors, and contemporary equipment**

A comprehensive staff professional development plan is implemented and features a portfolio builder, an annual teacher review, a return to industry program and extensive participation in networks and events. The Marketing Plan for Competitive Manufacturing Solutions incorporates a significant professional development and recruitment strategy.

A major strength is the strategic and extensive set of industry and education and training networks and relationships that the College has developed especially the Western Sydney Manufacturing Skills Development Taskforce and the Greater Western Sydney Economic Development Forum. The extensive use of enterprise on-site delivery maximises client access to training utilising the most recent equipment and systems used in industry.

### **Support to enable enterprises and learners get the most out of the apprenticeship/ traineeship**

The College produces comprehensive information and a wide range of support services for students and industry. The College has access to and contributes to the generation of quality advice through its widespread relationships with numerous stakeholders. It actively participates in and contributes to the organisation of promotions and events to showcase innovative delivery models.

**For more information about** Mt Druitt College of TAFE NSW Western Sydney Institute **visit the RTO's website at** [www.wsi.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.wsi.tafensw.edu.au)

The **Institute for Trade Skills Excellence** is an initiative of Australian industry and Government established to promote the trades and recognise those registered training organisations (RTOs) truly focused on industry's needs and achieving excellent results.

How does it work? ... Under the **Star Rating Scheme**, individual faculties or schools within RTOs are evaluated by the Institute using industry experts and industry designed criteria. Those considered excellent are awarded one gold star, two gold stars or three gold stars by the Institute. The Institute issues a **Capability Statement** for each RTO which it publishes to explain the school or faculty's strengths and the level of service an employer can expect to receive.

Quite simply, where RTOs are doing great things, the Institute wants to ensure industry knows about it, and so an employer looking to select an RTO for their apprentice or trainee, can make an informed choice.