



## CAPABILITY STATEMENT

### The Faculty of Engineering Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE

The Faculty of Engineering at Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE has been recognised by the Institute for Trade Skills Excellence as one of Australia's premier providers and awarded **two gold stars** under the Institute's Star Rating Scheme. The Faculty of Engineering at Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE delivers training in the Engineering Trade – Mechanical, Engineering Trade – Fabrication and post trade and Engineering Production occupations based on the nationally recognised standards of the Metal and Engineering Training Package from Certificate I to Certificate IV.

A summary of the Faculty of Engineering, Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE strengths against the evaluation criteria are:

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

The Faculty of Engineering, Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE has close links with industry in its area through both a comprehensive program of industry visits to employers of apprentices enrolled at the college as well as regular industry forums. The Faculty monitors performance and sets future targets through these local consultations as well as through examination of survey data provided by the Queensland Department of Education and Training.

The Faculty offers students and their employers a choice of training plans developed in consultation with industry or an individual special training plan can be negotiated. Trade training for apprentices is conducted in a block release pattern with a wide number of options in regards to the timing of blocks. Self paced delivery is also available. Recognition of Prior Learning is offered to all students especially at enrolment and holistic assessment practices are followed to enable work relevant and comprehensive assessments. The Institute also offers customised fee for service where industry requirements are outside public funding guidelines.

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

Faculty staff are members of local industry networks and liaise with schools and other regional organisations to ensure promotion to industry and the community of engineering careers. There is a comprehensive professional development program for teaching staff including return to industry placements to ensure staff are up to date with latest industry practices. Learning resources are either locally developed or customised to suit local industry requirements. A wide range of equipment for on campus training is available as well as a comprehensive upgrading program.

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

A specialist admissions centre for trade courses has been established to ensure maximum assistance to employers and apprentices with establishing trade training arrangements. The Centre and teaching staff maintain close links with Australian Apprenticeship Centres to ensure that a trade training plans is established efficiently and quickly on signing of apprenticeship contact. Libraries, computer rooms and a full range of student support services are available to all students.

**For more information about the Faculty of Engineering Barrier Reef Institute of TAFE visit the RTO's website at <http://www.barrierreef.tafe.qld.gov.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.