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Top rating for local TAFE's auto courses

BATHURST'S TAFE College has been recognised as a leading registered training organisation with a One Gold Star rating for its 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.

TAFE NSW Western Institute director Adrian Mitchell said receiving the gold star rating was recognition of the quality of teaching delivered by the Institute.

"The recognition we have received validates our position as a leading choice in training in the automotive industry," Mr Mitchell said.

The star rating scheme identifies the very best training providers, industry by industry, to enable employers, career counsellors, potential students and par-

ents to distinguish excellence in trade training by evaluating training providers.

It focuses on 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.

Institute for Trade Skills Excellence CEO Brian Wexham said the star rating scheme reassures students that they are selecting the most appropriate course.