



## CAPABILITY STATEMENT

### TAFE NSW- South Western Sydney Institute Metal and Engineering Section Chullora Campus

TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute Metal and Engineering Section Chullora Campus 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 Metal and Engineering Section at Chullora campus delivers training in the Engineering Trade – Mechanical, Engineering Trade – Fabrication, post trade and Engineering Production occupations based on the nationally recognised standards of the Metal and Engineering Training Package from Certificate I to Diploma.

A summary of the Metals and Engineering Section, Chullora Campus TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute strengths against the evaluation criteria are:

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

TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute Metal and Engineering Chullora Campus participates in Faculty and Institute strategic planning processes which include annual industry meetings at Bankstown and Campbelltown and industry visits by Campus staff.

Teachers visit employers at least twice a semester to discuss apprentice performance and training issues. Apprentices and their employers are offered a choice of day release, three day block release or self paced training delivery. There are also night time catch up classes conducted on a regular basis for students who miss classes through illness or for other reasons. Workplace delivery is offered for traineeships and fee for service delivery.

The Campus offers a range of training plans for trainees and apprentices and their employers. Employers of apprentices or trainees enrolling for the first time are visited and a training plan developed that suits the needs of the employer and apprentice or trainee. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) is a priority and is offered to all students. Holistic assessments are used and there is competency based progression of students. The Campus also offers customised fee for service training delivery where requirements are outside public funding guidelines.

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

Chullora Campus has a wide range of equipment including special facilities for training in CNC, CAD, light fabrication, higher level welding and fluid power. The campus emphasises informal and local networking of teachers with industry, schools and other regional organisations. There is a comprehensive approach to professional development of teachers including opportunities for release to industry placements.

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

Strong support is given to students who have English language difficulties including some learning resources in other languages. The campus also participates strongly in schools liaison and careers promotions. Libraries, computer rooms and a full range of student support services are available to all students.

**For more information about TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute Metal and Engineering Section Chullora Campus visit the RTO's website at <http://www.swsi.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.