



CAPABILITY STATEMENT

AUTOMOTIVE (HEAVY VEHICLE & PLANT) AT
TAFE NSW- SOUTH WESTERN SYDNEY INSTITUTE – WETHERILL PARK COLLEGE

The Automotive (Heavy Vehicle & Plant) faculty at Wetherill Park College of TAFE NSW - South 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 Institute's Star Rating Scheme.

Wetherill Park College delivers apprenticeships in the Automotive Heavy Vehicle and Plant occupations based on the nationally endorsed standards of the AU05 Automotive Industry Retail, Service and Repair Training Package. A summary of strengths against the evaluation criteria for TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute - Wetherill Park College Heavy Vehicle and Plant section are as follows:

Training and assessment which focuses on enterprise and learner needs

Ongoing consultation with industry is conducted in the development and redevelopment of training programs offered in the Heavy Vehicle and Plant section at Wetherill Park College. The Heavy Vehicle and Plant section work continuously with employers to develop customised training programs in order to meet particular enterprise needs and requirements. Assessment validation is regularly carried out to ensure validity, consistency and accuracy in accordance with the training package guidelines. A series of support materials have been developed for employers and workplace supervisors by the Heavy Vehicle and Plant section to support apprentices' learning outcomes.

Excellent trainers and assessors, and contemporary equipment

Teaching staff are very conscious of incorporating an extensive amount of practical, 'hands-on' experiences for learners. Assessments have been created to reflect real life repair scenarios that match the expectations of industry. Participation in Return to Industry programs is encouraged, as are attendance at technical sessions conducted by Heavy Vehicle manufacturers, suppliers and professional industry organisations. The Heavy Vehicle and Plant section provides the latest technological equipment and resources. New training aids are regularly being developed with manufacturers; regular hardware and software upgrades are maintained to industry standards. Ongoing donations are received by the Heavy Vehicle and Plant section as a result of strong industry and employer links.

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

Five year trends show continuous increase in learner enrolments and interest in further training for a cross trade and/or higher qualification.

The Heavy Vehicle and Plant section is an active participant and sponsor of WorldSkills events and Apprentice of the Year competitions. An information day is held for learners as part of the enrolment process, which includes a tour of facilities and support services. A formal graduation ceremony is held every year to acknowledge apprentices' achievements and are attended by family, employers and industry representatives.

For more information about Wetherill Park College of TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute ***visit the RTO's website at*** 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.