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NEW VCE VET SCHOOL PATHWAYS FOR ALL VICTORIAN STUDENTS

The Victorian TAFE Association (VTA) welcomes the announcement yesterday that the Victorian Budget 2022/23 will invest \$277.5 million in the introduction of the new VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate that will replace the VCAL from 2023.

We see the introduction of the new certificates as the opportunity shift the dial on the perception of the importance and status of vocational education for all senior secondary school students.

It also reinforces the value of vocational education as the pathway to a wide variety of rewarding careers.

The TAFE sector looks forward to working with the Government to meet the potential of increased future demand resulting from strengthening the delivery of vocational programs in schools and senior secondary school students undertaking programs at TAFE.

We expect that further consideration will be given to the funding to TAFE for the delivery of the new certificates and that it is in line with that of the school system.

We also acknowledge the investment to strengthen the teaching workforce for these new pathways and we welcome the target of attracting 400 extra VET trainers. TAFEs, like many other organisations, are facing the challenges of skills shortages in their teaching workforce.

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