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New Teaching Facilities for Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

Students in early childhood development, community services and children's services will benefit from new, purpose-built facilities at Victoria's Holmesglen Institute of TAFE.

The Minister for Tertiary Education, Skills, Jobs and Workplace Relations, Senator Chris Evans, welcomed the new facilities opened by the Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP.

"This is an important investment by the Australian Government and will provide 830 additional student enrolments in key areas of childhood development, community services and children's services," Senator Evans said.

"The project is another example of the Government's commitment to meeting skills needs by investing in our Vocational Education and Training system."

The facilities constructed on Holmesglen's Glen Waverley campus will offer the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) program as an alternative to the secondary school qualification of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

The Australian Government has invested \$16.8 million in this project under the Education Investment Fund (EIF) and this is one of six Vocational Education and Training projects in Victoria funded through the EIF totalling \$110 million.

In opening the training facilities, Ms Burke said she was thrilled to see the new facilities hosting training for future workers in areas of need such as early childhood development.

"The students who graduate will be better prepared to assist our community by providing quality care for children. The benefits from this new building will be felt for many generations," Ms Burke said.

Announced in 2008, the Australian Government has committed \$4.15 billion through the EIF initiative to provide funding for projects that create or develop significant

infrastructure in higher education, research and vocational education and training institutions.

More information on the EIF initiative can be found at: **www.deewr.gov.au/EIF**

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