



Australian Government

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\$1.5 million for Goondiwindi's new centre to skill students for success

YOUNG people are set to gain valuable skills with the opening of the new Goondiwindi Trades Skills Centre today by Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud.

“The new Goondiwindi Trades Skills Centre was made possible thanks to the Federal Government’s \$1.5 million commitment to equip local students with the skills they need to help them get the jobs that we will need in the future,” Mr Littleproud said.

Mr Littleproud said the investment was all about empowering students with the skills needed to hit the ground running by making a connection between vocational pathways and shortages in Australia’s labour market.

“The centre incorporates a new trade training facility and includes an engineering workshop and agriculture area because there’s demand in these areas,” he said.

“There’s a myriad of jobs on offer in desperate need to be filled so the skills that students will develop at the Goondiwindi Trades Skills Centre will be invaluable.

“The Coalition Government is committed to ensuring vocational training meets the needs of industry and employers and to providing students with training, particularly in areas where there are skills shortages.

“I congratulate the Goondiwindi State High School and community for its foresight in getting this centre up and running as I’m thrilled to be opening this exciting facility today.”

Vocational Education and Skills Assistant Minister Karen Andrews also congratulated Goondiwindi Trades Skills Centre on its official opening.

Minister Andrews said that as well as delivering increased funding to schools, the Australian Government is focusing on quality education for Australian students.

“While buildings alone do not make a great school, I hope students and staff will enjoy learning and be inspired by these new facilities,” Minister Andrews said.

“The Federal Government is committed to improving the quality of our schools and equipping students with the skills they need to succeed in an increasingly competitive world.”

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