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# STRATEGIC PLAN

## 2021-2023

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## Welcome message

On behalf of North Metropolitan TAFE (NMTAFE), we are pleased to present the 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan. NMTAFE continues to focus on training that is industry led and flexibly delivered to provide the skills of the future for individuals, businesses and communities in the northern suburbs of Perth.

Training is targeted to support the Western Australian Government’s *WA Recovery Plan*, *WA State Training Plan*, *Diversify WA*, and implementing recommendations identified in the *Review of Skills, Training & Workforce Development*.

NMTAFE is rebuilding the capacity of displaced workers, women and youth to gain jobs in new and emerging areas of career strength. New opportunities to access training will arise from the State Government’s Lower Fees, Local Skills initiative, and the College is scaling up capability to cater for the expected increase in demand.

Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated rapid innovation and transformation of College service delivery. NMTAFE has embraced new business practices, and our people are keen to evolve flexible workplace delivery, online learning, and the rapid composition of industry specific skill sets required to support disruption.

Jobs and Skills Centres (JSCs) have never been more important in providing access to career advice, resume writing, job search assistance, interview conversations and course information. Through face- to-face, telephone and online consultations, JSC staff provide comprehensive career, recruitment and training advice to individuals and businesses.

Liaising with key industry stakeholders and enterprises, the JSCs will work with employers to assist with their workforce development strategies, provide relevant apprenticeship and traineeship information, and guidance on the development of Aboriginal recruitment and retention strategies.

Our 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan sets out a clear roadmap and the College is agile, adaptable and flexible to meet any unexpected challenges that arise. Our strategic priorities and goals are firmly guided by our vision of **‘Transforming lives: strengthening industry and community’**.



**Emeritus Professor Bill Loudon AM**  
Governing Council Chair



**Michelle Hoad**  
Managing Director

## Our vision

Transforming lives; strengthening industry and community.

## Our values

NMTAFE is committed to investing in our people and developing a work culture that embraces our values:

- **Respect** - We treat one another fairly and with courtesy while acknowledging the right of each person to hold different or opposing views.
- **Integrity** - Our interactions with others are based on honesty and trust motivated with their best interests at heart.
- **Student-centred** - Our students are our reason for being hence we place their best interests at the centre of our decision making and service delivery.
- **Accountability** - We accept personal accountability for our actions and decisions, demonstrating social, financial and environmental responsibility to stakeholders.
- **Innovation** - We aspire to deliver best practice in everything we do for the benefit of our students and industry.
- **Professionalism** - We willingly share our knowledge, reflect on our performance and strive to continuously improve on how and what we deliver.

## Our business

NMTAFE, the State's largest publicly funded TAFE College, has 10 campuses across metropolitan regions 'north of the river' and offers over 350 courses in 70 industry areas. Our training delivery reflects the State Government's policies and strategic priorities and provides quality training choices to the market.

Working with industry and employers, we use our knowledge and understanding of changing business needs and contemporary training techniques to provide solutions to meet the current and future skill requirements of individuals, enterprise and the community.

Through our Jobs and Skills Centres, we provide individuals, enterprise and industry with professional and practical advice on training and employment opportunities.

We are committed to Reconciliation and to closing the achievement gap in education and employment outcomes, enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to realise their full potential. Our Jobs and Skills Centres provide culturally appropriate career and training advice to Aboriginal people, assist employers with understanding the Aboriginal Procurement Policy, WA Industry Participation Strategy and support with developing workforce development plans to retain and attract Aboriginal people to the workplace.

We recognise the benefits diversity and inclusivity brings to individuals, enterprise and the broader community. NMTAFE encourages participation from people disadvantaged in the labour market and our training provides pathways to jobs or further educational opportunities.

## Our priorities

Supporting the WA Government's *State Training Plan*, *Diversify WA*, *Review of Skills, Training & Workforce Development*, and *WA Recovery Plan* in response to COVID-19, the College aligns its training delivery to address current skill shortages and provide future skills for future jobs.

Working in collaboration with the Department of Training and Workforce Development, State Training Board and industry stakeholders, the College addresses the skills needs of workers impacted by COVID-19 and evolving skill requirements from the introduction of new technologies and automation.

Flowing from the Government's investment commitment in capital works and upgrade of essential infrastructure, the College will build state of the art training facilities at our Balga (Technology and Trades workshops) and Joondalup (Light Automotive and Technologies building) campuses. These infrastructure upgrades will complement the current work in progress at the College's Midland (METRONET Trade Training Centre), McLarty (Disability and Aged Care simulated facility) and Joondalup (Training Cyber Security Operations Centre) campuses.

Our priority is to increase workforce capacity for the State, with the provision of vocational education and training with a particular focus on STEM qualifications and skill sets delivered across 70 industry areas. Our industry training flagships are focused in the following areas of:

- Aged care and disability in response to National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- Cyber security and automation.
- Rail and civil infrastructure to support the METRONET project.
- Creative industries.
- Mining and resources sector.

## Our aims

Working towards our vision of **‘Transforming lives; strengthening industry and community’**, we aim to nurture participation, to improve employability, contribute to productivity and support the aspirations of our learners, industry and the community.

### Participation

We aim to nurture participation by:

- Designing delivery and assessment strategies that embrace new technologies and contemporary teaching methodologies.
- Developing flexible delivery of skill sets as a pathway to further training or a recognised qualification to up-skill, re-skill or refine workers skill development.
- Reduce barriers to training participation by making opportunities more flexible and adapted to the needs of adult learners, including through the provision of distance, part-time and modular learning.
- Working in collaboration with TAFE International WA to retain existing and attract new international business as part of the WA Government’s road to recovery activities.
- Working with schools to develop a range of qualifications for the delivery to secondary school students with a strong focus on STEM related skills.
- Ensuring all courses have the foundation skills of language, literacy, numeracy and digital competency embedded in delivery.

### Employability

We aim to improve employability by:

- Collaborating with industry to pilot new approaches and programs to enhance industry and small business capabilities.
- Increasing workplace learning, access to simulated work environments and live works project opportunities, across a range of qualifications, to ensure graduates are work ready.
- Providing training that ensures graduates are ready for employment opportunities in new and emerging industries i.e. industry 4.0.
- Working with industry to develop 21st Century apprenticeships that provide a customised approach to training pathways and dual qualifications.
- Providing existing workers with options to develop specialist skills in trade-related industries, through hybrid skills sets that are designed according to emerging industry needs.
- Working with the self-employed and SMEs to design and implement workforce development strategies through our Jobs and Skills Centres.

## Productivity

We aim to contribute to productivity by:

- Ensuring training offerings reflect industry demand and requirements.
- Increasing responsiveness to industry training needs, with the provision of customised and specialised skill sets.
- Refreshing curriculum to future proof skill development for new and emerging industry skills needs i.e. industry 4.0.
- Building resilience in our staff and students to adapt to uncertainty and change.
- Having a future focused approach to training to deliver technology-driven knowledge and skill acquisition.

## Aspiration

We aim to support aspirations of our learners, industry and the community by:

- Providing access to career counselling, job preparation, and Aboriginal workforce development services through our Jobs and Skills Centres.
- Providing holistic student support services throughout their training journey.
- Embedding 21st Century skills such as collaboration, critical thinking, communication and creativity into training offerings.
- Encouraging entrepreneurship and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) applications, (particularly for underrepresented groups) through various forums, training strategies and engagement activities.
- Collaborating with communities and industry in the precincts of our campus locations with the aim of increasing prosperity.

## Strategic enablers

Every member of staff is critical to the College achieving our vision:

**'Transforming lives; strengthening industry and community'**

To achieve this we will:

- Strategically focus on increasing digital and blended service delivery to ensure greater flexibility in the provision of training and support services.
- Continue to develop a customer-centric approach and work processes that enhance the student experience.
- Develop a culture of professional growth, shared knowledge and continuous improvement throughout the College.
- Continue to focus on systems integration and simplify processes to enhance operational efficiency.
- Develop and maintain quality designed products that meet the needs of students and industry.
- Invest in staff to ensure that they have the skills required to work in a dynamic and contemporary training environment.
- Pursue investment in industry standard infrastructure and equipment.

# Declaration

North Metropolitan TAFE is pleased to submit its 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan for the Minister’s approval.



30/10/2020

Emeritus Professor Bill Louden AM  
GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIR

Date



30/10/2020

Michelle Hoad  
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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The 2021 – 2023 Strategic Plan for North Metropolitan TAFE is:

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