



2005-06 Victorian Budget



\$43.3 MILLION TO BOOST SKILLS

The Bracks Government will provide an extra \$43.3 million to enhance skills development in Victoria

Included in this year's budget is \$27.8 million for the continuing modernisation of TAFE facilities and equipment throughout Victoria.

The modernisation of facilities and equipment includes:

- \$12 million to update TAFE teaching equipment
- \$9 million to upgrade the Gordon Institute of TAFE at Geelong
- \$3.75 million for the redevelopment of the Kangan Batman Institute of TAFE campus at Avondale Heights
- \$3 million for a project that includes a permanent facility for the Adult Multicultural Education Services (AMES) at Noble Park.

Funding is also provided for:

- \$12.5 million to be invested in pre-apprenticeship training, which demonstrates the Government's ongoing commitment to addressing skill needs. This funding will enable an additional 1600 pre-apprenticeship training places
- \$3 million over two years to enable lab.3000, a centre of excellence in digital design, to work with educators and industry to expand Victoria's digital design capacity.

This continuing investment in upgrading TAFE and Adult Education supports the Bracks Government's Growing Victoria Together target of increasing the level of participation in vocational educational and training by adult Victorians.