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MEDIA RELEASE

Improved training for Claremont students

The Australian Government will expand vocational training opportunities for secondary school students in Claremont, Tasmania.

Funding was announced today by the Hon. Duncan Kerr SC MP, Federal Member for Denison.

The \$306,458 grant will establish the YouthBUILD Training Facility and Transition Centre at the Claremont College campus which will include a workshop, training room and staff accommodation.

Mr Kerr said: "This is one of the finest school-industry partnerships in the country, right here in Hobart."

"The project will allow hundreds of young people from Hobart's northern suburbs to begin their Certificate I."

Currently, 80 students are undertaking the Certificate I in Manufacturing (Pathways) in temporary facilities at the Royal Hobart Showgrounds.

It is expected these numbers will increase to about 200 by the time construction is completed (before 2010) with students drawn from New Norfolk, Rosetta, Cosgrove, Claremont, Ogilvie and Bridgewater High Schools.

By strengthening the link between secondary school and industry the facility will help increase the number of work-ready young people.

The Australian Government is committed to improving opportunities and educational outcomes and is pleased to provide further opportunities through this new facility.

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