

TAFE Students: “Enrol to Vote” and “Vote 1 TAFE”

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The Australian Education Union will today launch its “Vote 1 for TAFE” campaign.

Vote 1 for TAFE is designed to encourage students to enrol to vote and to make TAFE a national priority.

“The campaign is aimed at the 250,000 TAFE students who will vote for the first time this year in a Federal election” explained Pat Forward, Federal TAFE Secretary of the AEU.

“It will also encourage all 1.3 million Australians who are enrolled to study at TAFE to consider TAFE issues when they vote.”

The Australian Education Union will distribute leaflets and posters to TAFE campuses across Australia to ensure that students enrol to vote. A series of campaign launches will be held across the country at TAFE colleges today.

The upcoming Federal election provides TAFE students with an opportunity to make their concerns heard. Federal funding cuts mean that TAFE students face very serious issues such as reduced facilities on campuses, limited access to their teachers, and higher fees and charges making studying at TAFE more difficult.

As well, more than 50,000 young people will miss out on a place at TAFE this year because of federal government policy.

“We want our students to know that 1.3 million TAFE students voting together on this issue can make a difference,” Ms Forward said.

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Campaign Launches

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