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**Inquiry into VET in schools
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Media Alert
25-26 February 2003

**Sydney: Teachers, students, employers
and policy makers talk about vocational
education and training in schools**

The rapidly growing area of vocational education and training (VET) in schools is being investigated by the House of Representatives Education and Training Committee. The inquiry is examining the range, structure, resourcing and delivery of vocational education and training programs in schools, including teacher training, and the impact of vocational education on other programs.

On Tuesday morning this week the House of Representatives Education Committee will visit Bradfield College to talk to students, teachers and employers about VET programs in schools. On Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday, hearings will continue at Parliament House, NSW, with policy makers, teacher educators and employer representatives.

School visit: House of Representatives Education Committee
VET in Schools Inquiry

Where: Bradfield College, 192 Pacific Hwy, Crows Nest

When: Tuesday 25 February, 9.45 am – 12.15 pm

Public Hearings: House of Representatives Education Committee
VET in Schools Inquiry

Where: Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney

When: Tuesday, 25 February, from 2.15 pm
Wednesday, 26 February, from 9.00 am

The inquiry is examining the place of VET in schools, its growth and development, and its effectiveness in preparing students for post-school options. It is also examining the differences between school-based and other VET programs and the acceptance within industry of resulting qualifications.

"Vocational education and training in schools is growing rapidly and VET programs are very popular with students. However, there is concern in some industries that school-based VET programs do not always deliver equivalent outcomes to other programs. The committee will explore this issue as well as talk to students, teachers and employers about what works well and what could be improved in current programs" Mr Bartlett said.

"VET in schools opens up options for young people, can make school more relevant, and provides pathways from school to work."

For media comment contact **Mr Kerry Bartlett, MP**,
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