



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Training
Inquiry into Vocational Education in Schools

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 4 April 2003

Chair: Kerry Bartlett MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Public hearings - Tuesday 8 to Thursday 10 April 2003 - Queensland

Gold Coast, Brisbane & Gladstone visits for vocational education and training in schools inquiry

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, the impact of vocational education on other programs, vocational education in new industries, and the accessibility and effectiveness of vocational education for indigenous students.

On **Tuesday** morning the Committee will visit Marymount College and Robina State High School on the **Gold Coast** to talk to students, teachers and employers about vocational education programs in schools. On **Wednesday**, hearings will continue at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices at Waterfront Place in **Brisbane**, with policy makers, educators, parents and training organisations. **Thursday** will see the Committee visit **Gladstone** for a site visit at NRG power station, and to hear about school and industry links in engineering at Toolooa and Tannum Sands State High Schools. Talks with an enterprise network to support Indigenous students in vocational education in Gladstone will also be a feature.

SCHOOL VISITS

WHEN & WHERE:

Gold Coast Tuesday, 8 April 2003
Marymount College, Burleigh Waters, Qld – 9.15am to 12.00pm
Robina State High School, Robina, Qld – 1.00pm to 4.15pm

Gladstone Thursday, 10 April 2003
Toolooa State High School, Gladstone, Qld - 9.15am to 3.15pm

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PUBLIC HEARING

WHO: Qld Government
Construction Training Qld
BIGA Training
South Coast Industry Schools
Coordinating Organisation
Australian National Training Authority
Qld Catholic Education Commission
Qld Secondary Principals' Assn
Qld Council of P&C Assns
WHERE: Commonwealth Parliamentary Offices, Waterfront Place, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane
WHEN: Wednesday 9 April, 2003, 9.00am – 4.30pm

"Vocational education and training in schools is growing rapidly," says House Education Committee Chair, Mr Kerry Bartlett. "We need to be sure we are maximising its potential to support young people to choose effectively from the range of post-school pathways available to them and to successfully make the transition from school to work or further education and training."

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