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\$2.99M allocated to The Armidale School and PLC Armidale under the Federal Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program

The Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor, MP, has received advice from the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations and Minister for Education, the Hon Julie Gillard, MP, that The Armidale School, in conjunction with PLC Armidale, will receive a total of \$2,996,147 under Round One (Phase One) of the Australian Government's \$2.5 billion Trade Training Centres in Schools Program.

Mr Windsor said the Program enables all secondary schools across Australia to apply for funding between \$500,000 and \$1.5 million for Trade Training Centres over 10 years.

"The aim of the Program is to increase opportunities for young people to participate in high quality, relevant vocational education and training in partnership with the states and territories and the non-government school sectors," Mr Windsor said.

"The Armidale School will host the majority of courses in a new purpose built Trades Technology Centre for Automotive, Metals and Electrotechnology programs."

"Agriculture facilities will also be refurbished to allow for Beef and Bee production modules and a new Horticulture option in Certificate III qualification in Agriculture."

"New Commercial Kitchens will be developed at PLC Armidale for Commercial Cookery and Hospitality training."

Mr Windsor congratulated The Armidale School and PLC Armidale upon their successful application and wished the Schools every success with this important educational initiative.

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