COMMITTEE WELCOMES ANNOUNCEMENT INTRODUCING NEW P-TECH EDUCATION MODEL IN BALLARAT & GEELONG

Committee for Ballarat welcomes announcements made today that will see the introduction of Australia’s first Pathways in Technology Early College High Schools (P-TECH).

The schools selected for the pilot programs are located in Ballarat and Geelong.

“P-Tech is a collaborative partnership between education and industry to deliver learning experiences that would not be possible where schools, or business, acted in isolation” said John Kilgour, CEO - Committee for Ballarat.

Kilgour added, “this is an innovative approach in strengthening the connection between student learning through engagement with the world of work in developing the skills that employers need to improve young people’s prospect of employment, including opportunities for employment with industry partners”.

Supported by the Skilling Australia Foundation and IBM Australia, P-Tech is an innovative curriculum design based on the successful US model that provides a particular focus on supporting disadvantaged young people to achieve post-school qualification and make a successful transition from school to work.

Federation College, Ballarat, has been selected as one of two P-Tech schools in Australia.

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