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## **SKILLS INSTITUTE TO MOVE HOBART AUTOMOTIVE TRAINING**

The Skills Institute has announced it will be phasing out the use of its automotive training workshop in Hobart over time, to eventually deliver all its automotive training through its state-of-the-art facility in Launceston.

Skills Institute CEO Malcolm White said the Hobart facility, located in the basement of the Institute's Campbell Street building, was no longer at industry standard.

"With costs well above revenue and no capital readily available to improve the facility, it makes sense to deliver our automotive training from our workshop in Launceston," Mr White said.

"The northern facility is large and well-equipped to deliver high quality light and heavy vehicle training."

Mr White said automotive teachers would continue to operate in Hobart, working with apprentices and employers in their workplaces.

"We've already talked to our major automotive employers in Hobart and they understand the reasons behind the move," he said.

"Employers see the value in occasional intrastate travel where the equipment is of a high standard, which has been demonstrated in other industries, such as plumbing and gas fitting, where apprentices from all over the state travel to our high quality facility in Claremont."

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