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Hospital project partners with TAFE NSW for new Tweed Valley Skills Centre

A joint initiative between TAFE NSW and the Tweed Valley Hospital project for the new '**Tweed Valley Skills Centre**' has been announced by NSW Minister for Health Brad Hazzard and Assistant Minister for Skills Adam Marshall.

The joint initiative demonstrates the long-term benefits of locating the new hospital immediately adjacent to the Kingscliff TAFE campus.

The new **Tweed Valley Skills Centre** will provide education, training, and employment opportunities for the local community and ensure that the benefits of the new hospital extend beyond the delivery of new hospital buildings.

Health Infrastructure will construct a prototype suite within the Kingscliff TAFE campus that mirrors the specifications of the state-of-the-art hospital. The suite will include the detailed design of key clinical spaces and provide an ideal learning space for health workforce.

It will also be used in the longer term for clinical simulation as part of health education programs led by TAFE NSW, working in partnership with Northern NSW Local Health District (NNSWLHD) and future Precinct partners.

The partnership between TAFE NSW, NNSWLHD, and Health Infrastructure will also extend to delivering a Skills and Employment Hub to enhance training, education and employment outcomes linked to the project.

More than 400 workers are expected to be on site at the peak of construction of the Tweed Valley Hospital, with a quarter targeted as apprentices.

The Skills and Employment Hub will help further develop and connect the local workforce with employment, apprenticeships and other training opportunities at the new Tweed Valley Hospital, along with support in developing local business capability to tender for subcontract work packages and supply contracts.

Formalising a partnership between TAFE NSW and the Tweed Valley Hospital project is the first of many initiatives made possible by locating the new hospital in close proximity to Kingscliff TAFE, enabling the development of an integrated Health and Education Precinct across the two campuses over time.

For further information on the Tweed Valley Skills Centre, click [here](#)

For further information regarding the Tweed Valley Hospital development, please visit the project website at www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au