

**Inquiry into Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities – 24  
February 2025**

**Questions on Notice**

**TITLE:** Courses delivered at Bourke Connected Learning Centre

**QUESTION 1, PAGE NO 60**

Ms MARYANNE STUART: I'm happy for you to take this as a question on notice: How often do they go out there with this presence? I'm happy for you to get back to me on that. Also, the range of courses that are being delivered. If a young person has to travel four hours to the nearest main campus of a TAFE, are we helping them by doing mechanical type of courses for motor vehicles, for example? So when they are eligible to get their licence, they also have learnt how to take care of their vehicle, if they're travelling four hours to and from a job in the future. Again, happy for you to take that on notice, but what courses are actually being delivered for these young folks in regional parts of New South Wales?

ALISON McGAFFIN: I think we will take that on notice so that we can give you a complete picture of the range of courses, but I certainly understand that there are both practical construction-type courses as well as more pathways career preparation. More community-focused courses. It's a broad range that we're proposing.

**ANSWER**

Connected Learning Centres (CLC) are educational facilities designed to enhance learning and access to training for regional students. Equipped with the latest technology, students connect 'live' with teachers and other students in training and have access to spaces to study and connect. Courses offered are across virtual classroom, face to face and combination delivery modes. While TAFE NSW does not currently offer a course specifically combining vehicle maintenance and driver preparation, a range of practical, skills-based courses are planned for on-campus delivery at Bourke CLC in Semester 1, 2025, including:

- Statement of Attainment in Apply First Aid and CPR
- Statement of Attainment in Dozer and Grader Operations
- Statement of Attainment in Introduction to Drones
- Statement of Attainment in Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Statement of Attainment in Provide First Aid in An Education and Care Setting
- TAFE Statement in Start Your Future

The following courses are also planned to be offered to students in Bourke through virtual classroom or combination delivery:

- Certificate II in Applied Digital Technologies
- Certificate II in Career Preparation
- Certificate II in Community Pharmacy
- Certificate II in Retail Services

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- Certificate III in Business
- Certificate III in Career Advancement
- Certificate III in Community Pharmacy
- Certificate III in Design Fundamentals
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Certificate III in Information Technology
- Certificate III in Pathways to Further Study
- Certificate III in Retail
- Certificate III in School Based Education Support
- Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping
- Certificate IV in Design
- Certificate IV in School Based Education Support
- Certificate IV in Tertiary Preparation
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
- Statement of Attainment in Aboriginal Site Works
- Statement of Attainment in Dozer and Grader Operations
- Statement of Attainment in Provide Responsible Gambling Services

Mobile Training Units (MTU) visit the Bourke CLC to support practical hands on and simulated learning. For example, a MTU is scheduled to attend Bourke Semester 1, 2025 for the following courses:

- Certificate II in Career Preparation
- Statement of Attainment in Apply First Aid and CPR.

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**TITLE:** TAFE NSW staff promoting Aboriginal Cultural Programs

**QUESTION 2, PAGE 63**

Mr TRI VO: You mentioned the skilled worker or liaison officers who are skilled in terms of promoting these cultural programs. You said place based—just in New South Wales, where are they based? Or are they just based in the regional areas, depending on the need?

ALISON McGAFFIN: Thank you for the question, Mr Vo. Yes, they're spread across New South Wales. We actually have a range of different team members, right across many locations.

Mr TRI VO: How many people are involved in that team?

ALISON McGAFFIN: I would need to take that on notice. I believe that the number of positions is about a hundred in that team, across the State, but whether we have all of those positions filled is probably something that we're still striving to achieve.

Mr TRI VO: A hundred. That's quite a lot.

ALISON McGAFFIN: If it's okay with you, I will confirm that on notice.

**ANSWER**

The TAFE NSW Aboriginal Engagement and Student Support team consists of 98 filled positions across NSW.

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**TITLE:** Connected Learning Centres

**QUESTION 3, PAGE NO 64**

The CHAIR: Just a couple of points. You mentioned the connected learning centre. Can you give us an idea how that works? Is that a centre where students have to go, or is it operating from home?

ALISON McGAFFIN: A connected learning centre is basically a different version of a TAFE campus that's digitally enabled. It's got great technology for a range of different learning opportunities, but also has potentially space for a mobile training unit to actually pull up so that the training can be done in a blended way, both virtual and online and/or face to face. So it is actually a campus within TAFE's suite of campuses.

The CHAIR: Where's that rolled out at the moment?

ADAM BENNETT: I'll battle to get the list right. We can take it on notice.

The CHAIR: Is Bourke one of those or not?

ADAM BENNETT: Bourke is, Cobar—

The CHAIR: Can you take it on notice?

ALISON McGAFFIN: There are approximately 20, I believe, Mr Chair, across the State.

**ANSWER**

A list of CLCs is available on the TAFE NSW website at [TAFE NSW - Connected Learning Centres](#).

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**TITLE:** Face to face learning for an attainment Certificate in Aboriginal Works

**QUESTION 4, PAGE NO 64**

The CHAIR: When we visited Bourke—I've written to you through the Minister, Mr Bennett, in relation to insufficient face-to-face learning and you've addressed the issue with Maranguka, but you've also indicated that this year you're going to have face-to-face learning for an attainment certificate in Aboriginal works. Has that started or is it about to start?

ADAM BENNETT: I would have to take that on notice.

**ANSWER**

A Statement of Attainment in Cultural Sites Work has been confirmed for face-to-face delivery at Bourke CLC in June 2025.