

**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I have been teaching at TAFE for over 25 years and have seen many necessary changes over that time. However, I now see many changes that are making it harder for students who used to be able to change to our training area and start their career in the industry as older students. This has stopped with the smart and skilled funding system. And it has stopped suddenly. Now a student is faced with a cost of thousands of dollars more than they would have had and they used to do their course in an affordable way and then go on to employ people in the industry. I can think of quite a few students who now run successful businesses in the area who came to TAFE on their own funds a few years ago and would not be able to do that under the new system.

Also, my colleagues are much more stressed and it will probably leave if things don't get better. The students are not getting the help they used to get because of the cut in course duration due to funding too. The slower learners are now not able to get the help they need