

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

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Many of my friends have had no option other than to drop out TAFE classes because they can no longer afford them.

On a strictly cost-benefit basis, the personal gain from obtaining a TAFE degree is no longer worth the cost of the degree itself, nor the forgone income while undertaking it.

Combined with significant youth underemployment that sees even degree qualified young people wait up to a year and a half before finding a first job, the current pricing structure is fostering a climate of despair.

These policies are turning a generation of eager contributors into disconnected, disaffected economic drop-outs.