

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

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When I finished school back in 1987, TAFE was the go to place. It was where you could get top quality qualifications that would give you a career.

At the moment, the qualifications received at TAFE are very transparent. This has led to a bad reputation for TAFE. This is not the fault of staff or teachers but the training hours which have been cut so dramatically that there is not enough time to teach a quarter of the course let alone the whole course.

Smart & Skilled, sounds great but in reality all it has created is confusion and frustration. Prospective students are scared off by the price and have no desire to come to TAFE. Hence enrolments have dropped.

Businesses do change over time but TAFE's changes are so dramatic that the employees and students are not keeping up. Let's step back a little and let TAFE shine as it once did.