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## **Bendigo TAFE launches new design for Centre of Excellence**



A new Health and Community Centre of Excellence is set to enhance Bendigo TAFE's City campus, with designs for the new complex unveiled to public for the first time today.

The centre aims to enrich the TAFE's current delivery by providing learners with access to more courses, modern equipment and stronger links to industry networks and resources.

The proposed building will demonstrate design excellence and integrate seamlessly into the surroundings.

"We are very excited to reveal the external design of the new building today," said Bendigo TAFE's CEO Trevor Schwenke.

"Our goal is to transform the campus into an active, vibrant place that is open to the community and the street. We want to create an enjoyable and sustainable place to learn and to work, one that promotes natural light, ventilation and landscaping.

"The creative ideas and vibrancy occurring within the building will be visible from the outside and encourage people to be part of and interact with the Health and Community Centre of Excellence."

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As part of the design plans, an existing building on the corner of Chapel and McCrae streets will be refurbished and refitted to create the new Health and Community Centre of Excellence. Another building on the site will be demolished to open up a new entrance for the centre of excellence off Chapel Street.

The Victorian Government has provided \$17.7m to build the Health and Community Centre of Excellence as part of their initiative to transform Victoria into the Education State.

“All this wouldn’t be possible without the support of the Victorian Government and our partners which has enabled us to develop initial concepts into a solid vision for the future,” said Mr. Schwenke.

Construction of the Health and Community Centre of Excellence is projected to complete by the end of 2017.



*\* Design subject to planning approval*

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