

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

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At 20 I started a TAFE Associate Diploma in Applied Sciences (Architectural Drafting) at the then Sydney Institute of Technology at the time I was a 19 year old, single mother on a single parent pension. I completed the diploma in 1995. TAFE gave me the opportunity to study part time so I could look after my son. I completed the course in 1995 and have worked full time ever since. I have never needed to claim social security. TAFE changed my life and it was an easy way to transition from a pretty hopeless situation to a fruitful and productive career. We need TAFE. I would not have got entry into university at 19 and I hate to think where I would be now. Save TAFE, my children need the same opportunities that I had.