



MORE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

South
Australian
Labor

For the
Future



Contents

- 5 Labor will invest in three more Technical Colleges
- 6 Economic Growth and Job Opportunities
- 8 Technical Colleges - A Story of Success
- 10 What Labor has already built





Foreword

My Government is committed to lifting South Australia's living standards by investing in education, training and skills.

It is our firm belief that not every student needs to go to university, nor should they.

The re-establishment of Technical Colleges is a crucial part of my Government's agenda to increase the economic complexity of our State and getting more South Australians into higher paying jobs.

By providing real on-the-job experience for young people while simultaneously achieving their SACE, Technical Colleges are attracting young people to undertake vocational training.

This has the dual benefit of addressing the State's skills shortages as well providing young South Australians with the opportunity to get the best start possible in their career.

A re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will build an additional three Technical Colleges.

Since the 2022 State Election, my Government has moved at pace to deliver on its commitment to build five new Technical Colleges across the State.

Now that we have seen the first graduates from Findon Technical College as well as new students commencing at newly opened Colleges, we are starting to see this policy make an impact on both addressing the skills shortage as well as seize the State's unprecedented economic opportunities.

That is why a re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will deliver even more Technical Colleges to further strengthen our commitment to these important efforts.

Every young person has the right to expect a quality education and opportunities for a decent job. For the last four years my Government has been focussed on this pursuit.

A re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will double down on these efforts because we owe nothing less to our children, our grandchildren and ourselves.



Peter Malinauskas MP
Premier for South Australia





“Young people do not need to go to university to get a good job in South Australia. They can get technical skills, a good job and higher wages to go with it if we give them that chance. And that is what these Technical Colleges are doing.”

PREMIER PETER MALINAUSKAS



LABOR WILL INVEST IN THREE MORE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

2 In Metro
Adelaide

1 In Regional
South Australia



ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

South Australia's skills needs

South Australia has the fastest growing economy in the nation.

With AUKUS, increased copper production, and the transformation of the digital economy, our future opportunities for further growth are even bigger than those we know today.

To seize these opportunities, we must deliver more skilled workers to meet the needs of industry.

It is estimated that South Australia will need 165,000 additional workers over the next decade, especially for defence, mining, major construction projects and to address the housing crisis.

Through the AUKUS program alone, it is estimated that South Australia will need thousands of additional qualified people each year to meet the needs of this transformational industrial project.

The Malinauskas Labor Government has undertaken the planning work to prepare for these opportunities, including the South Australian Defence Industry Workforce and Skills Action Plan and the Upper Spencer Gulf Workforce Strategy.

There has also been a Construction Workforce Plan, developed in partnership with industry, to cater for the more than 20,000 jobs that will be required to deliver South Australia's construction projects by 2028.

Addressing South Australia's skills needs will mean a more skilled workforce that will support higher wages as well as more opportunities for future generations.





“
Given the scale and complexity of our work, we're going to require a significantly larger, highly skilled workforce, which is why we've formed a partnership with local Technical Colleges... the ideal preparation for an exciting, long-term career with ASC in SA's thriving defence industry.

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE CORPORATION (ASC) CEO, STUART WILEY



TECHNICAL COLLEGES

A STORY OF SUCCESS

At the 2022 State Election, the Malinauskas Labor Team made a commitment to build five new Technical Colleges across the State.

With all five Colleges to be opened by 2026, there are now more than 1,000 students enrolled in these new Technical Colleges across the State.

This includes the graduates who were part of the first cohort to complete their education and training at Findon Technical College.

Dedicated to students in years 10 to 12, the re-introduction of Technical Colleges mean that young people can simultaneously complete their SACE while also completing a vocational education with a guaranteed job at the end.

Job opportunities for Technical College graduates include positions at major partners, including BAE, ASC, Boeing, SA Power Networks, Bluescope, Master Builders, Hallett Group, Goodstart Early Learning, Motor Trades Association, SARAH Construction, and many others.

There have already been strong outcomes from the inaugural cohort of graduates from the first Technical College to open, at Findon. These include an 85% completion rate, with 94% on a career pathway to either an apprenticeship, further study or full-time employment.

Technical Colleges are an essential component of addressing South Australia's skills needs and seizing the State's economic opportunities.

The number of apprentices and trainees in training in South Australian Government priority sectors has increased significantly since 2021.

These priority sectors include Construction and Infrastructure, Defence and Manufacturing, Clean Energy, Education, Tech and Artificial Intelligence, and Care.

Technical Colleges have played an important role in this achievement, which is why a re-elected Malinauskas Labor Government will expand the number of Technical Colleges to a total of eight across the State.

“

As we continue to build the copper South Australia province, the Port Augusta Technical College stands as a powerful example of what can be achieved when industry and government work side by side.

BHP ASSET PRESIDENT (COPPER SA), ANNA WILEY





WHAT LABOR HAS BUILT SO FAR

FINDON OPENED IN 2024



THREE WORKSTREAMS/QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Early Childhood and Education, Health and Social Support.

COMPANY/PARTNERS: Liebherr, Axiom Precision Manufacturing and BAE Systems, Precious Cargo, Goodstart Early Learning and Montessori childcare specialists, Helping Hand Aged Care and Southern Cross Care.

OTHER MAJOR/NOTABLE FEATURES: Co-designed replica welding bays to align with those used onsite at BAE.



PORT AUGUSTA



WORKSTREAMS/QUALIFICATIONS: Civil, Resources and Infrastructure, Cookery and Tourism, Health and Social Support, Multi-trades.

COMPANY/PARTNERS: BHP, Hallett Group, Compass Group, Australia Hotels Association (AHA), Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN), Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (FUNLHN), Helping Hand, Port Augusta Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Service, Climate Impact Corporation, SA Power Networks.

OTHER MAJOR/NOTABLE FEATURES: 44 beds of available accommodation to ensure students can stay and learn, opening up accessibility for the whole Upper Spencer Gulf.



TONSLEY

OPENS 27 JANUARY, 2026



WORKSTREAMS/QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Automotive and Energy, Building and Construction.

COMPANY/PARTNERS: Australia's Submarine Company (ASC), Motor Trade Association, Redarc, Climate Impact Corporation, Master Builders Association, Sarah Construction.

OTHER MAJOR/NOTABLE FEATURES: Co-located with Flinders University's "Factory of the Future", providing students exposure to a world-class, advanced manufacturing test bed that is the ultimate gateway for skills development and career paths in critical sectors.



OPENS 2 FEBRUARY, 2026



LIMESTONE COAST MOUNT GAMBIER



FIVE WORKSTREAMS/QUALIFICATIONS:

Agri-tech, Early Childhood and Education, Health and Social Support, Multi-trades.

COMPANY/PARTNERS:
Group Training Employment (GTE).

OTHER MAJOR/NOTABLE FEATURES:

44 beds of available accommodation to ensure students can stay and learn, opening up accessibility for the whole Limestone Coast.

THE HEIGHTS

OPENS 27 JANUARY, 2026



WORKSTREAMS/QUALIFICATIONS: Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering, Aeroskills, Building and Construction, Early Childhood and Education.

COMPANY/PARTNERS: Australia's Submarine Company (ASC), BAE Systems, Jaymel, Aerotech, Boeing, Master Builders Association, BlueScope, Guardian Childcare and Education.

OTHER MAJOR/NOTABLE FEATURES: Includes a 270-degree wraparound projection that covers three walls, creating an immersive experience for students to show them a prospective workplace, including working at the shipyards or fixing the underside of an aircraft.





South
Australian
Labor