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Australian TAFEs in winners circle at World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics 2020 Awards of Excellence

Australian TAFE Institutes have been named among world leading education and training institutions in the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics 2020 Awards of Excellence, announced today.

Two TAFEs – South Metropolitan TAFE in Western Australia, and Chisholm Institute in Victoria – won the coveted ‘Gold’ award in their categories, beating finalists from some of the most distinguished colleges around the world.

The World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics (WFCP) is an international network of colleges and national and regional associations of colleges. The 2020 Awards of Excellence received 113 nominations from across the world, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Fiji, Kenya, Spain, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The Australian award winners are:

Chisholm Institute, Victoria – Gold in the ‘Access to Learning and Employment’ category

Chisholm Institute was engaged in the Vietnam TVET Reform Program, funded by the Government of Vietnam and implemented through a partnership comprising of the Directorate of Vocational Education and Training, Chisholm Institute and Advanced International Joint Stock Company, Vietnam (AIC).

Silver – ETHAZI Learning & High-Performance model, Tknika, Spain

Bronze – Hangzhou Vocational & Technical College (HVTC), China

South Metropolitan TAFE, Western Australia – Gold in the ‘Partnership with Industry’ category

South Metropolitan TAFE partnered with Rio Tinto Iron Ore (RTIO) to develop and deploy the first vocational qualifications for automation in mining and production services. Through the development of an industry led, government and education vocational solution, Western Australia’s resource sector now has the benefit of the first nationally recognised qualifications in automation.

Silver – Ningbo Polytechnic (NBPT), China

Bronze – Shenzhen Polytechnic (SZPT), China

Kangan Institute, Victoria – Bronze in the ‘Sustainable Development’ category

Kangan Institute partners with Australian Red Cross on an annual sustainable and circular fashion design program that provides fashion students with experience in creating sustainable fashion designs. The program is based on the philosophy of reduce, reuse and recycle – students select donated garments and textiles from Red Cross Shops. Students are taught and encouraged to

embrace sustainable techniques throughout the process of design and transformation. Studies have found that Australians throw away 6,000 kg of fashion and textile waste every 10 minutes, and that 85% of textiles purchased by Australians end up in landfill every year.

Gold – Shaanxi Polytechnic Institute (SXPI), China

Silver – Jiangxi Environmental Engineering Vocational College (JEEVC), China

Craig Robertson, Chief Executive Officer of TAFE Directors Australia and Chair of the World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics congratulated the Australian TAFEs that reached the finals of the awards.

“The results confirm TAFE’s outstanding international reputation for quality vocational education and training.

“It’s not only in Australia but around the world that the TAFE brand equates with the very best in student outcomes, industry partnership and innovation.

“All those TAFE institutes that were finalists and winners should be very proud of their success among the world’s best”.

See all the winners and finalists from the [World Federation of Colleges and Polytechnics 2020 Awards of Excellence](#)

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TAFE Directors Australia is the peak national body representing 28 TAFE institutes, including six dual sector universities with TAFE divisions and nine TAFEs that are also non-university higher education providers.