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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# CASTLE HILL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO STUDY SKILLS OF THE FUTURE

Real estate, robotics and social media are just some of the 20 new online Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses to be made available to every Castle Hill government high school student in 2022.

In addition to existing face-to-face VET, Year 11 and 12 students will have the opportunity to study online courses that will give them in-demand skills for the workplaces. These courses will form part of their HSC and contribute to their ATAR.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the new courses will allow students in Castle Hill to receive world-class skills training.

"These courses will help students build skills across emerging industries, including advanced manufacturing, technology and engineering," Mr Williams said.

"I am excited to see students in Castle Hill get the opportunity to access these new courses as part of the NSW Government's Curriculum Reform."

"These new online courses are a win-win for students. Not only does it make them instantly employable, they also have the choice to pursue further education in fields with plenty of career opportunities," Mr Williams said.

The new online courses, specifically designed for high school students, cover a range of future-focussed industry sectors including cyber security, data analytics, accounting, horticulture, gaming, community and health services.

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell said developing these online courses was also about making VET more available in regional NSW.

"These are exciting areas for young people to be studying and puts them in the best place to find a job in dynamic industries, helping to build a safer and stronger regional NSW.

"These new courses are part of the curriculum reform, streamlining education and breaking down barriers for VET subjects in senior school years.

"The courses will provide a credential for students in their chosen field and go towards their HSC and ATAR."



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Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said the NSW Government is committed to meeting skill shortages by enhancing access to training that focuses on emerging professions and new skill areas.

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"Demand for jobs like cyber security specialists is huge and growing, and these courses are designed to help meet that need. From 2022, a student studying cyber security will have access to this new online course to get started in the fast-growing tech sector."

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Courses	TAFE NSW Qualification
Big Data	Certificate III in Business with a focus on Big Data elective units
Entrepreneurship	Certificate III in Business with a focus on Entrepreneurship elective units
Cyber Security	Certificate III in Information Technology with a focus on Cyber Security elective units
Game Design	Certificate III in Information Technology with a focus on game development elective units
Real Estate	Statement of Attainment in Real Estate + Certificate III in Business
Social Media	Certificate III in Retail with a focus on Social Media elective units
Allied Health Assistant	Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
Robotics	Certificate II in Electrotechnology
Construction and Virtual Design	Certificate II in Construction pathways
Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management
Accounting	Certificate III in Accounts Administration
Cloud Computing	Certificate III in Information Technology with a focus on Cloud infrastructure elective units
Web Design and Development	Certificate III in Information Technology (Web Design & Development)
Business Operations	Certificate III in Business (Business Administration)
Digital Supply Chain Operations	Certificate III in Retail with a focus on Supply Chain elective units
Events and Virtual Experiences	Certificate III in Events
Horticulture Production	Certificate II in Horticulture
Automotive Technology	Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation
Care in Ageing	Certificate III in Individual Support
Health Administration	Certificate III in Business (Medical Administration)