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\$64,486 GRANT PATH TO SUCCESS FOR TAMWORTH COMMUNITY COLLEGE - ANDERSON

The challenges of delivering training courses during the COVID-19 pandemic has been answered with a \$64,486 grant for Tamworth Community College.

Member for Tamworth Kevin Anderson said the funding is great news for locals who want to increase their skills base and prepare for a return to work when the virus outbreak is overcome.

“Tamworth Community College plays an important role in the local community and some of its objectives are to help vulnerable students on a pathway to jobs by re-engaging students in learning and preparing them for work.

“This grant will help the College to retain staff and provide additional funding to speed up the development of alternate methods of student learning at a time when the number of students physically attending colleges has decreased across the region.

“The funding will go a long way to support the Tamworth Community College during the COVID-19 pandemic and allow them to undertake innovative work to prepare for online learning.

“We have seen how the virus outbreak has impacted our communities like Tamworth, Gunnedah, Barraba, Manilla, Werris Creek, Walcha, Nundle and Bendemeer.

“Now we can see some improvement with fewer cases of COVID-19 being reported, so we can start to plan for a return to a more normal life.

“These colleges are vital educational institutions in our region. They are made up of local students, teachers and other staff which form part of our community,” Mr Anderson concluded.

Tamworth Community College’s Executive Office, Michelle Simpson said the funding was very important for the College to enable students to remain connected during this difficult time.

“This will allow our trainers to work with our students in a number of ways. It’s not all online, we also post out resources and talk to them on the phone.



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“There are some students in our region who don’t have good internet access so we make sure we can give them the best opportunity to participate in our courses.

“We’ll start rolling out these resources from next week,” Ms Simpson concluded.

Community College-Northern Inland Incorporated which delivers courses in Gunnedah and Barraba and across the North West also received funding of \$81,794 under the same support program.

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