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Call for local students to apply for new skills scholarships

Senator David Fawcett is calling on South Australian students to apply for new scholarships being offered by the Turnbull Government to skill up and take advantage of opportunities in growing or emerging local industries.

“There’s a range of industries across our state where people may be interested in pursuing job opportunities but don’t necessarily have the right skills,” said Senator Fawcett.

“These 1,200 scholarships will back students across the State doing the study, training and internships to get the skills that they need to take advantage of areas like defence industry, advanced manufacturing and health services.

“These scholarships will support students at any level from a Certificate III through to a PhD in areas that will lead to employment in South Australia’s growth sectors. Critically, the scholarships include a component of work based learning, helping to ensure students are truly job ready when they complete their qualification.

“For any South Australians that fit the bill I urge you to visit www.commonwealth-scholarships-sa.com.au to find out how you can benefit from these scholarships.”

Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham, said these scholarships and the Turnbull Government’s investments in South Australia’s future offer practical support to take advantage of industries where there are growth opportunities and skills needs.

“In addition to investing nearly \$200 million to support the transition in the automotive industry and to grow new businesses and create jobs, the Turnbull Government’s commitment to the \$89 billion continuous naval shipbuilding program gives the South Australian defence industry the certainty they need to build, grow and invest in local businesses and create jobs.

“As those programs scale up they’re hunting for skilled local workers. These scholarships will help South Australians to up-skill or, in some cases, to re-skill

“Our plan stands in stark contrast to the Labor Party who want to increase taxes on businesses, increase taxes on electricity and on investment which will kill off new jobs and opportunities.”

The Commonwealth Scholarships Program for South Australia will offer scholarships to students participating in an approved program of study in one of the following priority industries in the state:

- Defence Industry (including naval shipbuilding).
- Advanced manufacturing, health services and medical research, wine and food, resources and energy, tourism and hospitality. Applications will also be accepted from students who intend to study in a field that is relevant to, and are currently employed by, businesses with innovative practices that result in economic growth.
- South Australian State-based skills needs. Any occupation listed on the Australian Government Department of Employment’s Skills Shortage List for South Australia will be eligible.

Students must be living in or able to relocate to South Australia for the duration of the scholarship and intend to enter the workforce or accept employment in South Australia at the end of their course of study or training.

More information about the Commonwealth Scholarships Program for South Australia, including eligibility criteria, can be found in the Program Guidelines at www.commonwealth-scholarships-sa.com.au and applications close on 25 October 2017.

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