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Catholic Technical College for Adelaide South

The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard, today announced that the Australian Technical College – Adelaide South will become a Catholic systemic senior secondary college owned and operated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide.

The College will continue to operate from its Christie Downs campus as a Regional Catholic Technical College from early 2009.

It will continue its focus on offering Certificate III level courses in building and construction, electrotechnology, metal and engineering, automotive, and business and ICT.

The College may also offer courses in commercial cookery and other key areas of skills needs in the region.

Amanda Rishworth, the Federal Member for Kingston, welcomed the announcement and emphasised the value of integrating these facilities into the broader education and training effort in Adelaide South.

Ms Rishworth said industry will continue to play an integral part in leadership and the development of training programs to give students in the region the best education and training options available.

The Australian Government has worked closely with the Adelaide Training and Employment Centre, which currently operates the College, and the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and the South Australia Government to develop this educational model.

The Government has consulted local stakeholders and all education and training sectors and state and territory governments regarding future arrangements for each of the 24 Australian Technical Colleges.

Announcements will be made regarding individual colleges as negotiations are finalised in the coming months.

As well as better integrating Australian Technical Colleges into existing education and training systems, the Australian Government is delivering \$2.5 billion for Trade Training Centres in Schools that will benefit all Australian secondary schools.