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ATTENTION: ALL NEWS DESKS

CAIRNS BID FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGE PUSHES AHEAD

CAIRNS will continue to push to be the first to secure one of the 100 new Australian Technical Colleges announced recently under the Coalition's \$2.1 billion skills package.

Liberal candidate for Leichhardt Charlie McKillop today will meet with key players to discuss the latest developments in a display of the widespread support which exists for a Technical College to be established in Cairns.

"Industry, employers, educators, training providers and young people across our region are excited by the prospect of a stand-alone centre of excellence for trades and skills," Ms McKillop said.

"Our proposal ensures we get the balance right between tertiary education and vocational training opportunities so our young people have a choice about the career paths they pursue without having to leave our region."

Today's media opportunity will involve Cairns Chamber of Commerce immediate past president Bob Norman, Cairns Region Group Training (CRGT) director Patrick Korman, 'Apprentice of the Year' (2006/07) Jason Manning and Cairns Slipway general manager Jim 'Johnno' Johnson.

Where: Cairns Slipway, cnr. Cook & Tingara Sts.
PORTSMITH—go to Tingira St entrance & proceed to main office

When: 3.00pm TODAY



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