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Dear Ms Maynard

I write in response to your letter dated 16 April 2008, regarding concerns raised by Careers Advisers and Practitioners over the cessation of the printing of a TAFE NSW Handbook.

In 2007 TAFE NSW replaced the traditional Handbook with a new publication produced especially for school leavers. The "Get Ahead Start" publication provides students and Careers Advisers with extensive information about TAFE NSW courses for study in 2008.

"Get Ahead Start" is designed to appeal to young people and lists the full range of courses offered in 2008, including entry requirements. As course names and course numbers are clearly identified, the publication can easily be used in conjunction with the TAFE NSW website. The publication also contains a detailed section on those courses which require an application and includes full course descriptions, application codes and locations as well as a 2008 Application Form.

TAFE NSW distributed this publication through Careers Advisers in August 2007 with sufficient copies for each HSC student across all NSW secondary schools. Additional copies were supplied to those schools with students leaving in Year 10.

TAFE NSW is preparing to produce and distribute the 2009 "Get Ahead Start" in August 2008 and will ensure that your organisation receives a copy.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Ms Janet Stewart, Director Corporate Marketing, Department of Education and Training on (02) 95618075.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Marie Persson
Deputy Director-General
TAFE and Community Education

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