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Dear Professor ^{Ross} Milbourne

I am writing to request the assistance of the NSW Vice-Chancellors' Committee in implementing two key initiatives designed to strengthen Vocational Education and Training (VET) in schools in New South Wales.

I would like to invite the NSW Vice-Chancellors' Committee to work with the Board of Studies NSW to increase flexibility in school-based traineeships, by considering options to recognise these traineeships as four unit rather than two unit HSC courses, while retaining Universities Admission Index (UAI) eligibility.

I also request the Committee to consider re-classifying the "Category B" UAI status for VET in Schools courses in collaboration with the Board of Studies.

I have written to the Board of Studies requesting their assistance in implementing these initiatives.

It is hoped that both initiatives will be implemented by the end of 2006.

Should you wish to discuss any matters related to the initiatives, please contact Mr David Collins, General Manager, State Training Services on 9561 8157.

I look forward to your support in implementing these important initiatives which will further enhance the highly successful VET in Schools program in New South Wales.

Yours sincerely


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