



Dear Members and Supporters of Tranby

I write to you on behalf of the Board to advise you of some recent developments at the College.

Many of you would be aware of the funding difficulties encountered by the College in recent times. Despite delivering solid outcomes over a long period of time, Tranby, along with 3 other Indigenous education providers was targeted by the previous Federal Government for a reduction in funding in 2005 in the order of \$200 000 each year until 2009 when all such funding ceased.

That is an overall reduction in funding in the order of \$1 million from 5 years ago.

Given the size of Tranby, such a reduction in funds has a significant impact. Members would be aware that Tranby absorbed a large deficit for 2008 and a further deficit is expected for 2009.

Given this, the Board has taken steps to reduce the College's expenditure and unfortunately, this means a reduction in the courses we are able to offer.

In 2010, we will no longer be offering the following Certificate level courses:

- Certificate I Access to Work and Training
- Certificate II in Business (Office Skills)
- Certificate III in Business Administration

I would like to stress that this decision was a difficult one to make for the Board given the subsequent impacts on students and staff, however it is a necessary decision that is required to ensure the on-going viability of the College.

I would also like to note that these courses have been discontinued not because the Board feels that they are not valuable but because of financial imperatives.

I would like to assure members and students that the Diploma level courses offered by Tranby will continue into the future.

Tranby is not alone in the fight to get a better funding deal from Governments as other Indigenous providers are also seeking fairer treatment in regard to funding.

I would also like to assure members that the Board and staff of Tranby are working hard to get a better deal for the College from both the State and Federal Governments and have been in negotiations with them since early last year.

These negotiations are continuing and we won't stop until Tranby gets a better deal.

I will provide you with further information on our progress as it comes to hand.

Yours sincerely

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**Chairperson**