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SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP OPENS

Deputy Premier and Minister for Small Business John Barilaro today opened the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE), a partnership between all 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW to develop the entrepreneurs and jobs of the future.

Mr Barilaro said the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship was founded following a \$25 million cornerstone investment by the NSW Government.

“Located in Ultimo’s thriving cultural, educational and entrepreneurial precinct, this new central headquarters and campus will be home to classes, workshops, lectures, and meetings on entrepreneurialism for students from across NSW,” Mr Barilaro said.

“When fully operational, at least 1,000 student entrepreneurs each year will participate in SSE courses and activities during their degree or TAFE program, with many more taking part in a program of co-curricular activities including workshops, hackathons, educational boot camps and networking events.

“This new campus will allow a new generation of entrepreneurial thinking to thrive, providing a diverse and interconnected community.

“Today’s opening is an important milestone in our efforts to build the NSW economy by creating a dynamic entrepreneurial and start-up ecosystem,” he said.

The SSE will be run by Australian Nick Kaye, a global entrepreneurship leader. He returns to Australia following a ten year stint as the head of the Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship.

“I’m particularly pleased Nick Kaye has come home to run the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship. Nick’s decision to take on the job is a clear sign of just how significant this place will be on a global scale,” Mr Barilaro said.

Originally a shoe factory and then a school of fashion and footwear, Sydney School of Entrepreneurship’s building has been cleverly converted to create a unique experiential learning environment that can accommodate one-on-one sessions through to interactive guest lecturers and events of up to 250 people.

CEO Nick Kaye said SSE has launched its first pilot course for student entrepreneurs – called ‘The Navigator’ – with the first of two three-day intensives complemented by online study.

“The Navigator is bringing together students from all 12 SSE members to embed them in our entrepreneurial ecosystem and connect them with their peers, industry experts, policy makers, entrepreneurs and mentors,” Mr Kaye said.

“It is being led by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) with support from Macquarie University and Charles Sturt University.

“But this is just the very start for SSE, which will bring together high-performing students from a range of backgrounds, disciplines, demographics and locations from across NSW.

“We are creating a larger common stage for students, members and partners to collaborate and innovate helping drive our economy,” he said.

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