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Monash's Berwick Campus Joins Federation University Australia

Monash University's Berwick campus will continue as a place of learning and as an active member of the local community after Federation University Australia announces it will begin offering courses at the site from next year.

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said local member Jason Wood has "been a long standing advocate for higher education in Berwick" and was continually engaged with all providers. Minister Birmingham said today's outcome was a 'win-win' situation for students and the Berwick community.

"This is a great result for Berwick and the local community and it's a great result for higher education in Australia more broadly," Minister Birmingham said.

"The Turnbull Government recognises the value of higher education both for students and the flow on social and economic benefits that university and research campuses deliver to local communities such as what Federation University will deliver for Berwick."

Federal Member for La Trobe Jason Wood said the university will offer 15 courses at Berwick in 2017 and take on full responsibility for the campus from 2018.

"Together with many stakeholders, I have worked to secure the future of the Berwick campus so that it's easier for students in the region to go to university and so local businesses and the broader community benefit from having a university in Berwick," Mr Wood said.

"I am pleased that Monash University and Federation University Australia have been able to agree to a seamless transition to the new arrangement.

"Federation University Australia has said it will maintain a strong and vibrant campus, offering courses that deliver students genuine employment opportunities and that is backed by their reputation for delivering innovative courses and a commitment to community engagement.

"I look forward to a productive working relationship with Federation University Australia as it takes on this new endeavour."

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