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## **INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF CULINARY EXCELLENCE A POTENTIAL GAMECHANGER, SAYS R&CA**

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) has today welcomed the SA Liberal's announcement that they will spend \$60 million establishing an international school of culinary excellence, hospitality and tourism on the site of the old Royal Adelaide Hospital.

R&CA CEO Juliana Payne said that the high-quality training offered through the new school could help produce the local talent needed to sustain employment growth within the hospitality sector.

"The hospitality sector is undoubtedly one of the bright spots of the South Australian economy but the benefits of the sector's growth can't be sustained unless there is significant government investment in training local students.

"Today's announcement of a new international school of culinary excellence, hospitality and tourism is a positive step in attracting younger talent to the industry so that they can develop the kind of skills and experience needed to thrive in a hospitality sector career.

"The training and development on offer at this facility can help promote the sorts of exceptional opportunities that a long-term career path within hospitality has to offer," Ms Payne said.

Ms Payne also said that the establishment of the new school would assist in addressing the current deficit in skilled labour adversely affecting the State's hospitality sector.

"One of the biggest issues across the entire sector is a chronic shortage of skilled labour, particularly amongst the occupations of cooks, chefs and café and restaurant managers.

"You just can't have world-class cafés and restaurants without the kind of culinary talent needed to deliver a truly first-class dining experience.

"The café and restaurant sector is changing constantly and this new school will help ensure that its graduates are armed with the finest, most up-to-date skills to showcase South Australia's hospitality industry to the rest of the world."

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