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The Hon Peter Garrett MP

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New home for Australia's Film Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

Arts Minister Peter Garrett will today officially open the Australian Film, Television and Radio School's new building located in Sydney's entertainment precinct at Moore Park.

The school plays a central role in Australia's screen industry as its key educator and trainer.

"The Australian Film Television and Radio School's new home will provide our next generation of film-makers, broadcasters and technicians the best chance of success in a challenging and dynamic industry," Mr Garrett said.

"This new building is geared to the new digital culture of content-on-demand, collaboration, and convergence. This modern facility will help prepare the next generation of graduates for long careers in a dynamic industry."

The facilities at the new school include a theatre with High Definition capability and multi format film projectors, 30 technical suites for picture, sound, screen composition and digital production, digital post production facilities and five shooting studios, as well as mixing studios, computer labs and digital radio broadcasting suites.

"These new facilities will build on the school's reputation for the high quality of its teaching and training, and for the excellent calibre of its graduates.

"The talented people who come to the school benefit from the strong relationships the school enjoys with leading industry practitioners and studios, from the industry experience of its teachers and its strong international reputation."

Relocating the school to Sydney's entertainment precinct, establishing Screen Australia and introducing the Producer Offset are key elements in the Government's strategy to revitalise the screen industry, restore investor confidence and deliver new and high quality productions for Australian audiences.