

Andrew Widdis Biography

Andrew Widdis is a nationally recognised leader in defence training, workforce development, and digital learning innovation. With over 20 years of experience in the defence education sector, Andrew has played a pivotal role in advancing Australia's sovereign training capabilities through the development of cutting-edge simulation technologies and skills-based training solutions.

He is currently the Executive Director for Defence and the Defence Industry Skills Centre of Excellence at South Metropolitan TAFE, leading national initiatives to address critical workforce shortages, strengthen sovereign capability, and building industry-aligned training pipelines. Andrew is known for his ability to bridge the gap between education, technology, and operational readiness, delivering practical, future-focused solutions that support the evolving needs of the defence sector.

His career includes leadership roles across major submarine training projects, digital training systems development, and strategic collaboration between government, TAFEs, and industry. Andrew's work continues to shape the next generation of skilled professionals critical to Australia's national defence capability.

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