

FED:Govt seeks corporate role in schools

Prime Minister Tony Abbott says a government plan to allow company joint ventures with high schools is about innovation and not making up for funding shortfalls.

A new innovation strategy launched today includes 500 thousand dollars for a pilot program called Pathways in Technology Early College High School.

Mr Abbott visited a P-TECH college in New York in June which was being supported by computer giant IBM financially and through the provision of mentors and trainers.

Mr Abbott says there's no reason why somewhere in our country we can't have a number of schools which specialise in science, technology, engineering and maths in conjunction with particular businesses.

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