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## MINISTER ANNOUNCES NAME CHANGE BACK TO POLICE ACADEMY

NSW Minister for Police and Emergency Services Michael Gallacher today announced the return of the Police Academy to its original name at the Attestation of 111 Probationary Officers in Goulburn.

The Minister was joined at the ceremony by NSW Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione along with Deputy Commissioners, Nick Kaldas, David Owens and Catherine Burn.

"As the new Police Minister it's a great honour to be here today to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and commitment from the men and women who are about to join our Police Force," Minister Gallacher said.

"As a former Police Officer, I understand the sense of achievement and anticipation that men and women attesting at the academy today are all feeling.

"Today's ceremony is extra special because it is the first Attestation Ceremony to be held at this venue under its new name of Police Academy.

"I gave my commitment some years ago and it's fantastic that I can confirm this change here today.

"Reverting to the original name of Police Academy reflects the fact that this is a centre of learning with a specific focus on policing.

"The Academy has all the hallmarks of an internationally respected Police Academy and should be known as such.

"The rigorous training at the Academy involves using its own simulated courtroom, police station and scenario village; a sophisticated firing range and advanced driver training facility.

"This change in name will also put an end to years of confusion in common usage as to whether it is a college or an academy," Minister Gallacher concluded.

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