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CR MARY Langford, Ms Jewelly Dwyer, Ms Sue Kotara and Ms Erin Cox meet to discuss problems facing Moranbah TAFE.

TAFE rebuffs keen students

By DAVIDE ROSARIO

THE Institute of TAFE at Moranbah has been turning away students for numeracy and literacy classes because it has been told to stop enrolments.

Program administrator Erin Cox said this recently.

"Requests for these classes have been streaming in since early this year from students in grade eight onwards but we have had to turn away people," she said.

"We have been told to stop en-

rolling and that's what we did."

Ms Cox reported the situation to Associate Director of Studies Jewelly Dwyer during a meeting on April 20 but Ms Dwyer would not comment to The Miners MidWeek.

Ms Cox also said classes were already filled beyond capacity.

"We have 22 students in a class when there should be 14.

"With the hard times many mine workers are coming forward to upgrade themselves with adult numeracy and literacy classes,"

she said.

Moranbah TAFE has had limited resources since it moved to Goonyella Road four years ago.

"Over the years demand at Moranbah TAFE has risen for not only numeracy and literacy classes but for other courses as well but our requests for assistance have fallen on deaf ears," she said.

The Moranbah TAFE campus is small and inside looks dilapidated.

"It requires repair and extensive restoration," Ms Cox said.

The computing classroom ceiling showed signs of water leakage and there was hardly room for 10 people inside the donga.

"Numeracy and literacy classes are usually conducted at our previous location at Bacon Street where the room is bigger," she said.

The meeting with Ms Dwyer was also attended by Belyando Shire Cr Mary Langford and Ms Sue Kotara, a Rural Youth Information Service worker who refers youth to TAFE.

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