

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **ACL Launches Road Safety DVD for Refugees and Migrants**

ACL, the largest provider of high quality English language education in Australia, today launched a road safety DVD to assist newly arrived migrants and refugees to better understand driving and road safety in Australia.

ACL Group Managing Director Helen Zimmerman said "Operation Roadsafe" is a valuable new resource in simple English to provide practical road safety skills and knowledge to assist new Australians in their settlement in this country.

"The DVD will not only help address road safety but also assist many refugees and migrants to gain their driver's licence which in turn will reduce social isolation," Ms Zimmerman said.

"Since 1998 the ACL AMEP Consortium has been working to educate and settle new Australians as part of the Adult Migrant English Programme (AMEP).

"Investigations coming out of the AMEP Research Centre and feedback from ethnic communities was that refugees and migrants needed assistance to prepare for their licenses and testing.

"This DVD will not only help to reduce the degree of death and injury on the roads but will also be used as an excellent resource for our AMEP courses as part of the settlement focus of the program."

Ms Zimmerman said the DVD, developed in collaboration with Media PR Interactive, will provide a practical component especially to ACL's AMEP Youth programs and the broader AMEP student body.

The DVD's interactive activities and tutorials in simple English provide practical skills and knowledge to assist migrants and refugees in their settlement in Australia.

The DVD will be used in classrooms in ACL Colleges and by Consortium partners, Macquarie Community College and the UWS College, and can be purchased by individual students for their own use and by the general public and interested community groups directly from ACL and Consortium partner Colleges across Sydney (phone AMEP on 1300 798 111).

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