

RNLC 2015 Successes

- ✓ **Relocated to a new home** – *a home students are proud of*
 - Clean, bright and spacious – 3 times our previous area, providing for growth to meet demand.
- ✓ **Major programs broadened** – *catering for a wider range of learners*
 - **Refugee programs** an ongoing success with increased enrolments
 - **Asylum Seeker programs** now a major service provided
 - **New VCE EAL** pilot program supports entry to VCE, TAFE and University courses
 - Learners better grouped by levels (e.g. VCAL Foundation & Intermediate, EAL1 & 2, VCE EAL, Independent Learning Program), improving teaching efficiency and student outcomes.
 - Planning for introduction of a Transition to Work program in 2016
- ✓ **Specialist Programs** – *developing life skills and enriching learning*
 - **Swimming lessons** enthusiastically received by 20+ students
 - **Driving lessons** provided to 13 students who have gained their Learners Permits
 - **Women's health**, reproductive rights & well-being sessions delivered with *Co-health*
 - **Music therapy** classes provided a fun and engaging way to support English language development
 - **Creative Craft Classes** supported educational and social-emotional goals
 - **Cooking Classes** supporting healthy eating choices delivered by *Co-health*
- ✓ **Increased enrolments**
 - **77 students enrolled** in programs across the year
 - **55 students** consistently attended across the year. Others supported to achieve goals in 1-2 terms.
 - **20+ VCAL** students enrolled via our Mt Alexander College partnership
 - **8 advanced learners commenced VCE EAL** trial
- ✓ **Student Development**
 - **Readability index advanced 2 levels** for all full time students
 - **VCAL outcomes achieved**
 - One student (Sanaa) completed VCAL at Intermediate Level
 - Two students completed Personal Development 2 (and two completed most of PD2 due to late enrolment) at Intermediate Level
 - Four students completed Work Related Skills 2 at Intermediate Level
 - Most students successfully completed literacy reading, writing and oral communication outcomes at Intermediate or Foundation level.
 - **VCAL community fundraising lunch** project driven by students achieved many VCAL outcomes
- ✓ **Student Transition** – Examples of student transition to study or work:
 - Zam Zam commenced studies at Victoria University (VU) in Term 3
 - Sanaa has been accepted into VU to study a Certificate IV in Accounting in 2016
 - Helena and Letekidan have Children's Services Cert III's and became RNLC childcare educators
 - Many students transitioned into work or further study including Ascher, Marjan, Sahar & Ahlam
 - 10 students undertook a Certificate I in Vocational Pathways delivered by the *Red Cross*





- ✓ **Childcare** – enabling young mothers, many alone with no support, to pursue their education
 - **6 child care educators** from the African refugee community employed part-time
 - **30 children**, most of whom have experienced trauma, better prepared for **early years learning**
- ✓ **Social Welfare** – improving student emotional health & outlook so they can engage in their studies
 - **55 families fed** each fortnight thanks to *Foodbank* donations
 - **MYKI top ups** of \$20 per week enabled students to get to our Learning Centre
 - Material aid provided to 75 families
 - New program developed with individual donors to support mothers alone with a child
 - Assistance in resolving housing, immigration and various complex personal issues for students
- ✓ **Community Engagement** – sustaining & leveraging our work
 - **~100 volunteers** underpin RNLC leadership, daily tutoring program and many other facets
 - Hugely successful volunteer-led ‘*Taj*’ film fundraising evening and private donation campaigns
 - Supervision of 7 university placements including 4 University of Melbourne EAL Teacher Candidates

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Further details about RNLC may be found at www.rnlc.org.au or please email info@rnlc.org.au
 We're located on Level 1 – 117 Capel Street, North Melbourne 3051

We offer classes and welcome volunteers and visitors to our Centre during school terms

2016 Dates

1st Term: 1 February – 24 March
 3rd Term: 12 July – 16 September

2nd Term: 12 April – 24 June
 4th Term: 4 October – 9 December