

*We empower young refugee and asylum seeker women through education, to acquire the language, life and work skills to integrate and thrive in our community.*

## RNS

The **River Nile School (RNS)** educates **senior-secondary school-age women** who have had disrupted schooling or are struggling to cope with mainstream education.

RNS aims to equip students to move on to further education or employment, and if they are mothers, to have an effective input into their children's education.

RNS grew out of the River Nile Learning Centre (RNLC), which was established in 2006 to assist the African refugee community.

From 2017 we are an Independent School and receive government education funding to sustain core costs for senior-secondary school-aged students. The School is not permitted to provide services to non-school age students.

RNS core programs are:

- **Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)** at Foundation, Intermediate & Senior levels
- **VCE Bridging EAL** (English as an Additional Language) which supports entry to VCE, TAFE and university
- **Vocational Education & Training (VET)**
- **Special Education** for especially challenged students

## RNLC

The **new River Nile Learning Centre (RNLC)** was established in 2017 to provide education programs and services to **non-school age**, refugee & asylum seeker women.

A requirement of our School's registration was separation of services for **adult learners**.

RNLC core programs are:

- **Foundation English (Pre-accredited EAL I & II)** developing essential English language & literacy skills
- **Numeracy, Work & Life Skills**

RNLC aims to meet the needs of newly arrived women, who are not eligible to be enrolled in our School, and who would struggle to function in our community without our service.

RNLC has freedom to identify and pursue new opportunities, and to respond to the changing needs of refugees & asylum seekers, and their children.

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**RNLC depends 100% on grants, donations & fundraising.**

**To DONATE to support our work, see page 2.**

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## UNIQUE SERVICES FOR OUR STUDENTS

**Individual Learning Plans** tailored to meet each student's needs.

These are supported by a large number of **volunteers who tutor** students individually and in small groups.

**Welfare Support** to assist our students in managing language difficulties, insecure finance and housing and trauma in their lives.

**MYKI public transport costs**, staple foods & material aid are also provided.

This support removes barriers to student attendance & engagement.

Our licensed **Childcare Centre** looks after our student's **young children**, while they study.

In childcare, children are prepared for kindergarten & primary school by **fully qualified childcare educators**, of African heritage, who were once refugees themselves.

On-site support is essential for children who have experienced trauma or have recently been released from immigration detention centres, as developing confidence just to be separated from their mum is a huge first step.

Our free childcare also enables students to focus on their studies without pressure to consider alternate (& costly) childcare.

**Specialist Programs** such as:

- **work readiness**
- **driving**
- **swimming**
- **women's health**
- **music**
- **craft**

are offered to support language and life skill development, as well as emotional wellbeing.

These programs & services depend on **community support**.

**To make a DONATION see page 2.**

## BOTH RNS & RNLC

Are ACNC registered **Charitable organisations**, endorsed by the ATO for **charity tax concessions** and as **Deductible Gift Recipients (DGR)**.

Provide all services **free-of-charge** to all students, as they are among the most disadvantaged in our community and unable to contribute to the cost of their education.

Seek to **break the cycle of dependence on social welfare** of the students and their children, through education.



## GIVING A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFT

- Empowers refugee and asylum seeker women to participate in our community
- Educates mothers, thereby educating whole families
- Prepares children for their early years learning
- Provides paid employment for qualified childcare educators who were once refugees
- Supports new arrivals with pathways to further education and employment
- Leverages every dollar through our many volunteers
- Delivers award-winning, student outcomes

## WAYS TO DONATE

### Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) to

*River Nile School Inc Gift Fund*

Westpac BSB: 033 049 Account No. 344 243

*River Nile Learning Centre Inc Gift Fund*

Westpac BSB: 033 132 Account No. 308 382

### Cheque payable to

*River Nile School Inc*

or *River Nile Learning Centre Inc*

Posted to - Level 1 / 117 Capel Street, North Melbourne VIC 3051

**PayPal Online** via this e-link <http://rnlc.org.au/funding/donation/> which provides an instant receipt

You can specify if you want to direct your donation to the School or Learning Centre during the PayPal process

RNS and RNLc are both ACNC **Registered Charities**, endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office for **charity tax concessions** and as **Deductible Gift Recipients**. **All donations of \$2 and above are tax-deductible.**

Emails to [lisa@rnlc.org.au](mailto:lisa@rnlc.org.au) with your name and address are appreciated so we may acknowledge your support.

## FORMAL GIVING PROGRAM

Any donation level is appreciated but to join our Formal Giving Program, annual donor levels (which can be made in instalments), are:

**Supporter: Up to \$999**

**Friend: \$1,000 to \$4,999**

**Patron: \$5,000 or more**

## INFORMATION

To talk with or visit us before deciding if you'd like to make a donation or to explore supporting us in other ways

Email: [lisa@rnlc.org.au](mailto:lisa@rnlc.org.au)

or

Telephone: **03 9329 8425**.



*When women thrive, all of society benefits, and succeeding generations are given a better start in life.*

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