

Media Release

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TAC L2P PILOT JUMPSTARTS DRIVING JOURNEYS FOR REFUGEES

The Allan Labor Government is supporting young people from refugee backgrounds to access vital road safety education and supervised driving experience through a new pilot program delivered by the Salvation Army as part of the TAC L2P initiative.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne today announced the launch of the L2P Refugee Pilot Program, which will assist young learner drivers involved in the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing's Refugee Minors Program.

Over the 12-month pilot, eligible learners will be matched with volunteer mentors from Kinetic – one of Melbourne's major transport operators – to help them build essential road knowledge and log the driving hours required to obtain their probationary licence.

Building on the existing TAC L2P model, the pilot helps overcome key barriers faced by young refugees who may not have access to a car or a fully licensed driver to support their learning.

The program is focused on collaboration and community connection, benefiting learners while strengthening relationships between mentors and young people across Melbourne.

The TAC L2P Program supports the Victorian Government's Graduated Licensing System, which requires learner drivers under 21 to complete at least 120 hours of supervised driving practice.

For more information, visit transport.vic.gov.au/road-and-active-transport/registration-and-licensing/licences/learner-permit/tac-l2p-learner-driver-mentor-program.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're delighted to support this new pilot as part of the TAC L2P program and assist in teaching young refugees about road safety and putting that knowledge into practice."

"The connections formed between mentors and learners is vital in building confidence, independence and engagement with the wider community."

Quotes attributable to Kinetic Managing Director (Australia) Matthew Campbell

"At Kinetic, we believe in using our resources and people to make a real difference in the communities we serve."

"This pilot is a natural extension of that commitment - connecting our team members directly with young refugees to help them build the skills and confidence they need to thrive independently in Australia."