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TO ALL COMMUNITY LANGUAGES SCHOOL PROVIDERS OF VCE LOTE

Dear Colleagues,

RE: URGENT MEETING TO DISCUSS NEW REGULATION FOR VCE PROVIDERS - 21.7.2008

I am writing to invite you to attend a very important meeting of community languages schools in Victoria that offer VCE to discuss the new regulations being implemented by The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA).

The meeting will be held on:

Monday July 21, 2008 at 6.00pm at LMERC 150 Palmerston Street, Carlton, 3053

A representative of the VRQA will attend the meeting to explain the process.

This is a new requirement under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* for all organisations delivering accredited senior secondary qualifications such as the VCE, VCAL or IB Diploma in Victoria to be registered with the VRQA;

Registration is also required to deliver an accredited senior secondary course such as a LOTE study (Units 1 – 4) which leads to the award of the VCE.

This includes community language schools that provide VCE .
All schools providing VCE must comply with this regulation.

The Ethnic Schools Association of Victoria and Community Languages Australia recently met with representatives of the VRQA and DEECD and have worked out what we believe to be a suitable solution.

Community Languages Australia will take out registration in accordance with the guidelines on behalf of all community languages school providers of VCE.

Registration will require evidence that the organisation meets prescribed minimum standards:

- student learning outcomes
- student welfare
- student records and results
- teaching and learning (incl. facilities)
- governance and probity

Your attendance at the meeting is critical, as your school will need to be part of the process.

Please register your attendance by calling Fahry Abubaker on 9349 2400, Fax 9349 1295 or email Abubaker.Fahry.f@edumail.vic.gov.au by Thursday 17 July 2008

Yours sincerely

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

VICTORIAN REGISTRATION AND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY

BACKGROUND

The Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) was established under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (the Act) and is responsible for registering all schools (including home schooling), senior secondary education providers, registered training organisations, non-self accrediting higher education providers, overseas student exchange organisations and providers of courses to overseas students. The VRQA is also responsible for ensuring that education and training organisations meet the standards required for registration.

The VRQA incorporates the functions and responsibilities of the former Registered Schools Board and the Victorian Qualifications Authority, both of which have been abolished.

The Act requires all providers of accredited courses in Victoria to be registered with the VRQA. Accredited senior secondary courses include the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma.

The VRQA is working in cooperation with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) to register organisations seeking to deliver (or currently delivering) single accredited courses such as VCE Languages other than English (LOTE) that are part of the VCE. Organisations that are authorised by the VCAA as a single study LOTE provider and which have been given access to VASS will continue to have the VCAA's authorisation. The VRQA will be working with the VCAA during the remainder of 2008 to ensure each organisation can be registered for the 2009 school year.

The requirements for registration as a senior secondary education provider are set out in the *Education and Training Reform Regulations 2007* (Regulations 2007), *Schedule 7*.

This new registration is in addition to the process through the Victorian Curriculum and assessment authority. The VRQA will be working with the VCAA to ensure that registration of new and existing senior secondary providers is a streamlined process.