Aboriginal Driver Education Program Licensed and On The Road



ACE Community Colleges

- We have been in existence for over 35 years with campuses in Lismore, Casino and Burleigh Heads
- ACE is a Registered Training Organisation
- We enrol over 2500 students each year across a range of qualifications from Certificate I to Diploma and offer a wide variety of short courses for business and general lifestyle
- We employ over 18 permanent staff and around 50 contract trainers

Driver Education Program Background

- The program started in 2005 in response to the number of Indigenous people being brought before the justice system for unlicensed and driving related offences.
- The program has run continuously since that time and its constant presence in communities is a key factor in its' success.

Driver Education Program Structure

- Learner Driver Knowledge Course
- ➤ 8 weeks course 2 hours face to face per week
- > Fee exemption for LDKT for ACE students
- Rostered hour long lessons with fully qualified driving instructors
- Choice of ACE Driving Instructors or through a carefully selected local driving school
- ACE: an approved Work Development Organisation
- Information and referral related to regaining licences due to fines and infringements
- Community based culturally respectful
- Consult with community, deliver in remote locations, Aboriginal trainers and mentors

Driver Education Program Locations

Areas include:

- North Coast including Lismore, Casino, Byron Bay, Tweed Heads, Ballina
- Northern Inland including Tamworth, Barraba,
 Armidale
- Mid North Coast including Coffs Harbour, Bowraville, Nambucca Heads

Driver Education Program

- Around 200 Indigenous students enrolled in the program each year
- In 2016 we achieved 114 P licences
- Our pass rate for first time licences is 95%

Partnerships

- RMS
- Land Councils
- Local Magistrates
- Police
- Department of Justice
- Driving schools
- Community Colleges for local LDK program delivery

Future Drivers







