

TRANSCRIPT 2

“Student Support”

FADE IN:

JUDY is shopping in her nearby supermarket after school - she spies John at the deli counter and goes up to him.

JUDY

Hi John

JOHN

Judy! Haven't seen you for a while.

JUDY

Well, its **orientation**, so I'm very busy.

JOHN

You're helping new students again this year?

JUDY

Yes, for the past two years, and really enjoying it. I was nervous when I went through orientation, but the information is so good, it helps you to live here, study here, and have an Aussie experience.

JOHN

Fair dinkum? (Smiles, John thinks he's outsmarted Judy)

JUDY

I know what that means John - that's Australian for "the truth", so yes; orientation is a great local experience. Our **International Student Contact Officer** says I am giving new students more confidence because they can talk to someone who remembers how it feels when you first arrive.

JOHN

Yes we've got a **Contact Officer** too - very good at her job, she knows nearly everything, or where to find out.

I remember our sessions. We talked about the lifestyle, Australian culture and the rules about our study.

Judy looks in John's shopping basket and sees he's bought vegemite

JUDY

They did mention vegemite at orientation - said a lot of Australians eat it. I didn't like it!

JOHN

I'm getting used to it. My housemate says he's eaten it all his life. You look tired Judy.

JUDY

Actually I have been helping a couple of homesick students who booked their flights too late and got here after orientation. They were a bit lost and homesick at first. But they have Robyn our **contact officer, student helpers** like me, and **student clubs and associations**. With all of us they are catching up on the things they've missed, having more fun and slowly adjusting to the local way of life...

JUDY

...like eating vegemite (laughs)

JOHN

(laughs) Yes. How is that younger student you were helping?

JUDY

Shen Jie? Because she's under 18 and has to have someone approve her homestay, she couldn't move until they found suitable housing. I found the **student accommodation officer** at the college, who had to agree and sign an approval form. 'Jennifer' it says on her door, but everyone just calls her 'Jen'.

JOHN

Australians shorten names all the time too.

JUDY

Yeah, a bit strange, but you do get used to it.

JUDY

I've got to go. I'm here to buy sun protection cream. Do you realise how strong the Australian sun is? Only two hours at the beach and your skin can burn, but in the **student manual** there's information on protecting your skin from the sun, treating sunburn and even more serious problems.

JOHN

That's good to know. How did you get to the beach?

JUDY

Caught the bus...it's all in the manual...found the right route, worked out which ticket to buy, used the automatic ticket machine and it even gave me the correct change.

Judy walks off, then turns and yells after John

See you later mate...the Aussies taught me that.

JOHN

(laughing) Bye Judy.

FADE OUT:

THE END