

Learner Driver Mentor Program (L2P)

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| Type of Program | One to one |
| Location | Korumburra, Leongatha, Foster and Mirboo North |
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| Program Aims | The Learner Driver Mentor Program (L2P) provides an opportunity for young people who face a significant barrier (economic, social or other) to successfully obtain their licence with the support of a skilled local mentor. L2P is a community based volunteer program designed to provide access to driving practice on public roads for learner drivers under the supervision of a fully licensed driver. This is undertaken in a car provided by the program. |
| Mission Statement: | To provide eligible young people with the opportunity to gain 120 hours of driving experience with support from suitably trained volunteers. |
| Program Details | |
| Mentor Age | Above 21 years (preferably with 10 or more years driving experience) |
| Mentee Age | 16 - 20 years |
| Mentor Training | Yes, Training is provided for mentors |
| Training Process | <p>VicRoads has developed a comprehensive training program for volunteer drivers. All volunteers will be required to undergo the training program which will be delivered by VicRoads representatives. The training program was developed for the volunteers to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to provide supervised driving practice to a young person.</p> <p>The training will cover the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Novice driver crashes and safety and factors contributing to crashes• The role of practice in skill acquisition and safer driving• The importance of a graded or staged approach to the learner period• The graded approach to the learner period recommended by VicRoads• Working with young people and issues concerning disadvantaged young people• The coaching role and how to provide feedback as a supervising driver• The program content, processes, and rules. |
| What is the mentor screening process | Potential mentors are required to undergo a Police Check, Working with Children Check and a VicRoads Driver History Report. Any costs associated with these checks are covered by Council. Mentors are also required to attend an L2P training day. |
| Mentor Position Description | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To act in the role of a supervising driver and help the young person build up 120 hours of driving experience prior to going for the Probationary License• To develop and maintain a purposeful, empowering, supportive and ongoing relationship with a young person• Provide friendship and non judgemental support to the young person• Provide the time to listen to and support the mentee without telling them what to do but rather supporting them to find their own answers• Have fun with the mentee• Meet with the mentee for at least 60 minutes a week. |
| What is the minimum committment required | 6 months |