

TRANSCRIPT 4

“CHANGING ENROLMENT”

FADE IN:

JUDY enters the Cafe, walks up to the espresso counter. She is preoccupied and doesn't look up as she orders a hot chocolate and flicks through the student manual.

JOHN

Next please

JUDY

I'll have a hot chocolate please

JOHN

John, behind the espresso machine, wonders why Judy has not noticed him

Judy?

JUDY

Oh sorry John - I was reading. I didn't know you had a job here.

JOHN

It's perfect - it's near my college and home so I go to class in the morning then do the lunchtime shift. Good book?

John makes the drink.

JUDY

No it's a manual. I'm trying to help my friend Maya. She's really worried about being sent home to India and not getting a visa to come back. I'm sure she must have some rights.

Judy continues to turn the pages of the manual.

JOHN

She does have rights...as long as she's done everything she should have. What did she do wrong?

JUDY

Nothing. She had an accident and needs an operation, so she will miss more than 20% of her classes this semester. She doesn't understand the

rules.

JOHN

Has she spoken to her **contact officer**?

JUDY

This morning. He told her to take a **leave of absence**. The college will suspend her enrolment and has to report to immigration that she's not studying. That might mean she has to go home.

John hands over the drink, but Judy is back reading the manual and doesn't see his hand with the hot chocolate...

JUDY

She's really worried that if she goes home to recover she won't be able to get another visa to come back and finish her course.

John pushes the drink towards her

JOHN

Judy - your hot chocolate

JUDY

Oh, thanks

She sips the drink, still preoccupied with the manual - (John is still waiting for a compliment about the drink)

JUDY CONTINUES

Wow, Great!

JOHN

The hot chocolate? Thanks.

JUDY

No. ...I've got the answer

John is disappointed

....It says here... **“a student is permitted to be absent for less than six months if they have a medical certificate...”**

...then it says if she goes home her visa won't be cancelled and she won't need to reapply for another visa.

JOHN

That's right, but she might have to apply for another

student visa later on if her visa expires before she completes her course.

JUDY

Fantastic! I can't wait to tell Maya.
Have I ever told you that you make great hot chocolate John?

John is pleased to be finally acknowledged for his chocolate.

JOHN

The rules are good for Maya but not so good for my friend Quoc who is studying at The Education Academy. He wanted to switch to my college and study my course.

JUDY

But he hasn't been in his course for 6 months so he would need a **Release Letter** from The Education Academy. Did they refuse his request?

JOHN

Yes, the academy said changing from accounting to engineering just to study with a mate was not a valid reason for a letter of release before he had done six months of his **principal course**. The **college policy** clearly outlines valid reasons that allow changing providers.

JUDY

Usually that information is explained with the letter of offer, but it's also part of studying in Australia, that **you can't change course until you've done 6 months of your principal course**.

JOHN

If he still feels the same way after 6 months of his course, he will ask to transfer then.

FADE OUT:

THE END