STATEMENT OF VET TUITION ASSURANCE

1. Under the provisions of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 (HESA) and Chapter 3 of the VET Guidelines, Study Group Australia Pty Limited ABN: 88 070 919 327, ACN: 070 919 327 (the First Provider) must comply with the VET Tuition Assurance requirements. This is to protect VET students in the event that Study Group Australia Pty Limited ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled. The meaning of ‘ceasing to provide a VET course of study’ is set out in the VET Guidelines. A copy of this is available from:

2. In the event that Study Group Australia Pty Limited ceases to provide a VET course of study in which a VET student is enrolled, the VET student is entitled to a choice of:
   a) an offer of a place in a similar VET course of study with a Second Provider without any requirement to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (this is known as the “VET Course Assurance Option”);

   OR

   b) a refund of his or her up-front VET tuition fee payments and/or a re-crediting of any FEE-HELP balance for any VET unit of study that the VET student was enrolled or commences but does not complete because Study Group Australia Pty Limited ceases to provide the VET course of study of which the VET unit forms part (this is known as the “VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option”).

3. Study Group Australia Pty Limited has met the VET tuition assurance requirements in the VET Guidelines through its current membership of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training Australian Student Tuition Assurance Scheme, ACPET ASTAS-VET. Contact details for ACPET are:

   **SYDNEY**
   Address: Suite 12, Level 14
   329 Pitt Street
   SYDNEY NSW 2000
   Telephone: 02 9264 4490
   E-mail: acpet@acpet.edu.au
   Website: www.acpet.edu.au

   **BRISBANE**
   Address: Level 14
   46 Edward Street
   BRISBANE QLD 4000
   Telephone: 07 3210 1628

   **MELBOURNE**
   Address: Level 1, 126 Wellington Parade
   EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002
   Telephone: 03 9412 5900

   Further information can be obtained by visiting the ACPET website, in particular:

4. If Study Group Australia Pty Limited ceases to provide a VET course of study, ACPET will send a VET student enrolled in the VET course of study a Written VET Tuition Assurance Offer (the Offer) advising the VET student of the options available under the VET tuition assurance requirements. The Offer will include directions that
the VET student must follow in order to notify ACPET of the choice they have made for each affected VET unit. ACPET will provide this Offer within twenty Business Days after it knows, or should know by reasonable enquiries that Study Group Australia Pty Limited has ceased to provide the VET course of study.

5. For the purposes of VET FEE-HELP, all courses offered by Study Group Australia Pty Limited in accordance with the course requirements of clause 45 of Schedule 1A of the Higher Education Support Act 2003 are covered by the ACPET’s ASTAS-VET (‘the Scheme’) as part of Study Group Australia Pty Limited’s membership of the Scheme.

6. A student may choose either:

**The VET Course Assurance Option:**

a. Under the VET course assurance option, a VET student will be offered a place in a similar VET course of study by ACPET. If the VET student accepts this option, ACPET will make all necessary arrangements to ensure a VET student is able to enrol with the Second Provider in the similar VET course of study. This offered VET course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification without any requirement on the part of the VET student to pay the Second Provider any VET tuition fee for any replacement VET units (that is, units that the VET student had commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered). A VET student will receive full credit from the Second Provider for any VET units of study successfully completed at Study Group Australia Pty Limited.

b. The Second Provider nominated by ACPET may have different VET tuition fees to the fees the VET student would have paid for VET units of study which were part of the VET course of study that Study Group Australia Pty Limited ceased to provide but which the VET student had not yet started studying.

c. A VET student is not obliged to enrol in a VET course of study with a Second Provider offered by ACPET under the VET Course Assurance Option. However, if he/she enrols with any other VET provider there is no obligation on that VET provider to offer full credit transfer for the VET units of study completed with Study Group Australia Pty Limited or to offer replacement VET unit/s free of charge.

**OR**

**The VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option:**

d. Under the VET Tuition Fee Repayment Option, ACPET undertakes to pay the VET student the total of any up-front VET payments already paid by the VET student for any VET units of study the VET student has commenced but not completed because the VET course ceased to be offered. VET students selecting this option will also have their FEE-HELP balance re-credited for the uncompleted VET units.
7. **Publication**

The method this *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* will be made public to VET students will be by placement on the websites of Study Group Australia Pty Limited’s trading divisions:

- **Martin College:**

- **Australian Institute of Applied Sciences:**

- **ACPE Academy:**

and its partnering organisation:

- **Aspire College of Education Pty Ltd**

As part of the enrolment and orientation processes, Study Group Australia Pty Limited will also advise VET students about from where the *Statement of VET Tuition Assurance* can be obtained.