



NICOLE LIM STORY – AGE IS NO BARRIER...

Australian schoolgirl named youngest in the world to achieve International Computer Driving Licence

Sydney 4 December 2001 – Ten year old Nicole Lim, a year five student at Queenwood School for Girls in the Sydney suburb of Mosman, was today recognised as the youngest person in the world to be accredited with her International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL) – an internationally recognised qualification in core IT skills, designed for adults.

The Australian Computer Society, who holds the rights for the ICDL in Australia, honoured Nicole in a special ceremony at Queenwood School where ACS President, Mr John Ridge, presented Nicole with her ICDL award. Two of Nicole's classmates, Victoria Chrisp and Freya Watson also received ICDL certificates.

Principal of Queenwood's Junior School Mrs Elizabeth Neil said, "Queenwood School has been a pioneer in encouraging girls, from an early age, to become proficient in computer skills. We were the first school in Sydney accredited as an ICDL test centre site. We were keen for our teachers to gain their ICDL qualification and pass their knowledge to the students. It has completely delighted us that Nicole and some of her classmates have also passed the test".

Trudy Turnbull, ICDL Business Development Manager, Australian Computer Society said, "Given the ICDL has only been running in Australia for two years we are very proud and excited that the youngest-ever person to gain the ICDL is Australian. This is a significant achievement for a 10 year old. It reflects the benefits in obtaining IT literacy from an early age and shows how advanced Australia is in the take-up of technology".

Our oldest ICDL participant in Australia is an 84 year-old gentleman from the southern suburbs of Sydney, who has been attending ICDL courses at St George & Sutherland Community College!