

RISK • RESILIENCE

# Street Smart High

ROAD SAFETY

2024 PROGRAM

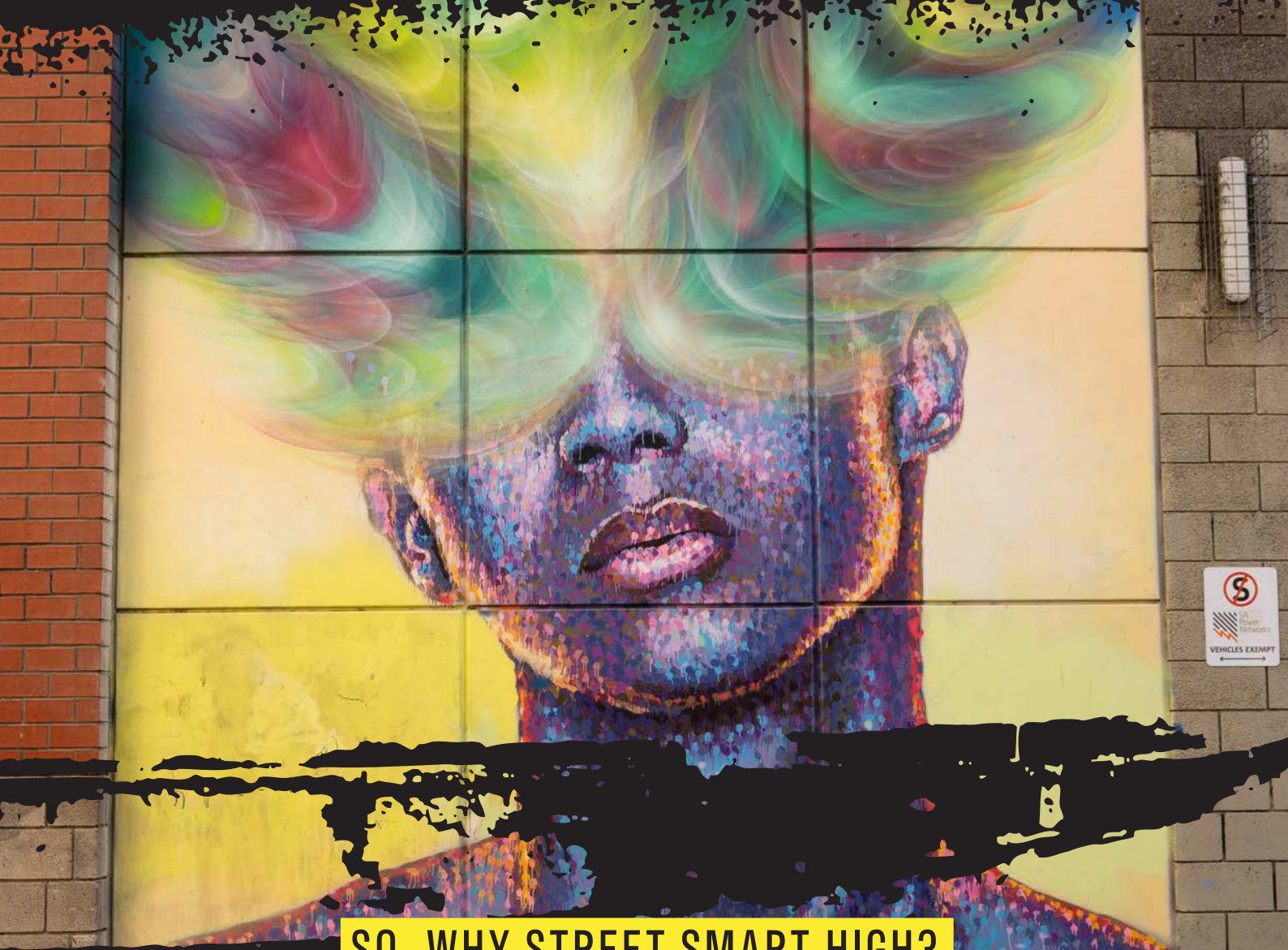
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## SO, WHY STREET SMART HIGH?

### **To connect and tell stories**

Aboriginal people have known for thousands of years that storytelling is the most powerful form of communication.

Researchers have discovered that effective storytelling helps to release hormones including dopamine, oxytocin and endorphins into our body. In turn, listeners reflect on the story and often talk to others about it, which reinforces it to memory. Over time, this can lead to a change in attitude. Our program features many speakers who have powerful stories based on real life experiences.

### **To help create a safety culture**

We know that attitudes and culture change can take many years. Our goal is for everyone to have a selfless attitude when using the road system and to have safety of everyone at the forefront of every journey. We hope Street Smart High will plant seeds in the minds of the people who attend to help drive this cultural change.

### **To share our knowledge and skills**

Knowledge is power and skills can be taught. More than 90% of students who attended Street Smart High since 2009 have told us that their road safety skills and knowledge were better after the event.

We want to build resilience in young people. We know that resilient teenagers are less likely to get into a car with someone who may be over the limit, and more likely to have the confidence to speak up should the driver start to speed.

**Please enjoy the day – and talk to others about what you have seen, heard and experienced.**

## SCHOOLS ATTENDING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: ADELAIDE BOTANIC HIGH SCHOOL ADELAIDE HIGH SCHOOL BALAKLAVA HIGH SCHOOL BLAKES CROSSING CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BRIGHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL COMPASS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CONCORDIA COLLEGE EDMUND RICE FLEXI SCHOOL GLENUNGA INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN GROVE HIGH SCHOOL HERITAGE COLLEGE INDIE SCHOOL ELIZABETH INDIE SCHOOL SALISBURY KILDARE COLLEGE KING'S BAPTIST GRAMMAR SCHOOL MARK OLIPHANT COLLEGE MODBURY HIGH SCHOOL MOONTA AREA SCHOOL NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL OAKBANK AREA SCHOOL PULTENEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL REYNELLA EAST COLLEGE ROSTREVOR COLLEGE SEAFORD SECONDARY COLLEGE ST PAUL'S COLLEGE ST PETER'S COLLEGE ST PETER'S GIRLS' SCHOOL SEYMOUR COLLEGE THOMAS MORE COLLEGE TRINITY COLLEGE BLAKEVIEW TRINITY COLLEGE GAWLER RIVER TRINITY COLLEGE SOUTH TYNDALE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL XAVIER COLLEGE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25: BANKSIA PARK INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CABRA DOMINICAN COLLEGE CHARLES CAMPBELL COLLEGE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE CRAIGMORE HIGH SCHOOL EMMAUS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE HEATHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BALAKLAVA LAMEROO REGIONAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL LE FEVRE HIGH SCHOOL MARY MACKILLOP COLLEGE MOUNT BARKER HIGH SCHOOL NAZARETH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY PEMBROKE SCHOOL PARAFIELD GARDENS HIGH SCHOOL PARALOWIE R-12 PINNACLE COLLEGE PORTSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PRESCOTT COLLEGE SOUTHERN PRINCE ALFRED COLLEGE RIVERBANKS COLLEGE B-12 SACRED HEART COLLEGE SAINT IGNATIUS' COLLEGE SALISBURY EAST HIGH SCHOOL SEATON HIGH SCHOOL SEDA COLLEGE STREAKY BAY AREA SCHOOL TATACHILLA LUTHERAN COLLEGE THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL TJINDU FOUNDATION TRINITY COLLEGE NORTH

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: ADELAIDE HILLS VOCATIONAL COLLEGE BIRDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL BLACKFRIARS PRIORY SCHOOL BLACKWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CARDIJN COLLEGE CARDIJN COLLEGE MARCELLIN CAMPUS CHRISTIES BEACH HIGH SCHOOL COOMANDOOK AREA SCHOOL FINDON HIGH SCHOOL FINDON HIGH SCHOOL TECHNICAL COLLEGE GLEESON COLLEGE HALLETT COVE SCHOOL R-12 HILLS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IMMANUEL COLLEGE INDIE SCHOOL PORT ADELAIDE INVESTIGATOR COLLEGE IQRA COLLEGE MITCHAM GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL MOUNT CARMEL COLLEGE MOUNT COMPASS AREA SCHOOL NORTHERN ADELAIDE SENIOR COLLEGE ORROROO AREA SCHOOL OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART COLLEGE RIVERTON & DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL SALISBURY HIGH SCHOOL ST COLUMBA COLLEGE ST FRANCIS DE SALES COLLEGE TEMPLE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE MILE END TEMPLE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE PARALOWIE TORRENS VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL UNDERDALE HIGH SCHOOL WESTMINSTER SCHOOL WHYALLA SECONDARY COLLEGE WILDERNESS SCHOOL WOODCROFT COLLEGE YORKETOWN AREA SCHOOL WARRIAPPENDI SCHOOL



# EVENT PROGRAM

## Tuesday September 24th

## Wednesday September 25th

9.20	Doors open
10.00	All seated
10.05	Welcome to Country
10.10	Official welcome: The Hon. Blair Boyer MP
10.15	Event Briefing: Ben Haythorpe
10.20	Speaker: Eli Murn
10.25	Crash Scene: Dr Bill Griggs
11.00	Speaker: Dr Stewart Moodie
11.10	Speaker: Kelly Golding
11.20	Speakers: Mary and Daniel Woolley
11.30	Presenter: Nicholas J Johnston
11.40	Lunch and Expo
12.25	Wheelchair basketball
12.35	THINK! Road Safety: SAPOL
12.45	Presenter: Biggie
1.00	Artist: Ashton Filmer
1.10	Speaker: Michael Piasente
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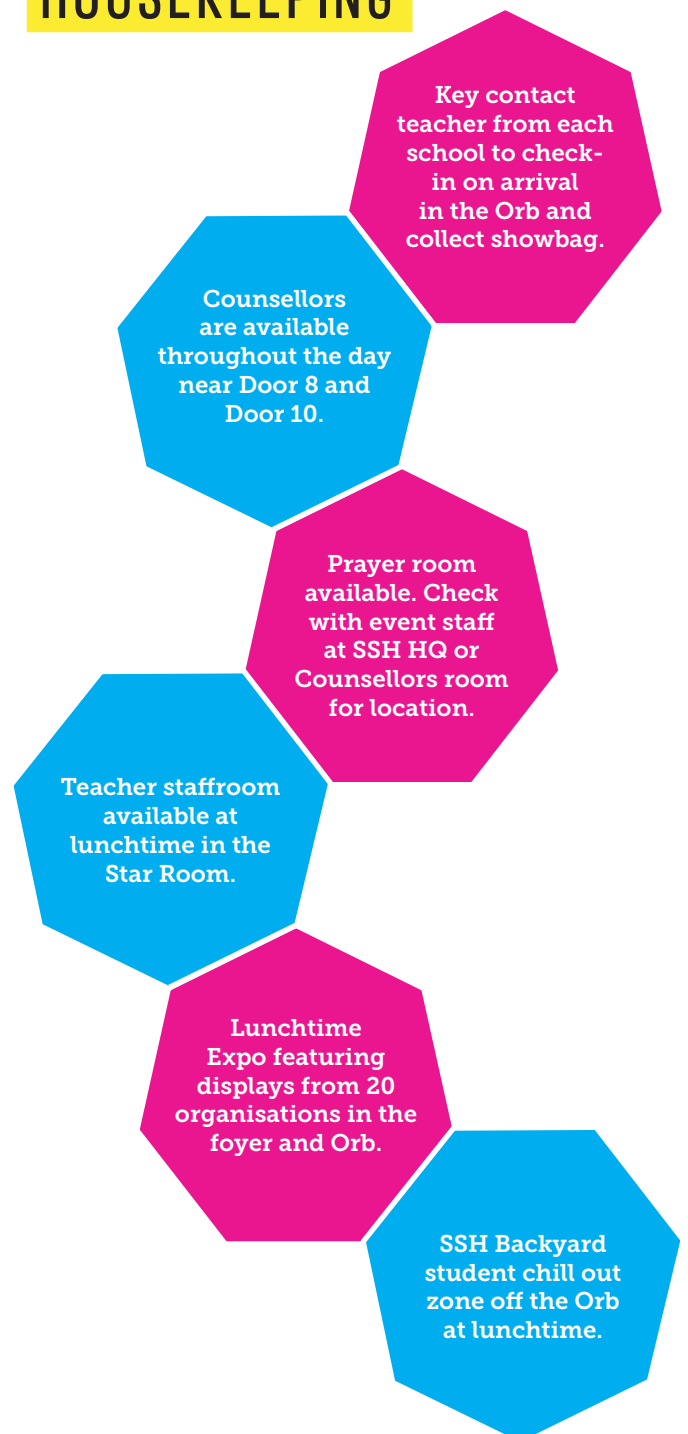
Counsellors are available throughout the day near door 8 and door 10.  
Teacher staffroom available at lunch time in the Star Room.



## Thursday September 26th

9.20	Doors open
10.00	All seated
10.05	Welcome to Country
10.10	Official welcome: April Lawrie
10.15	Event Briefing: Ben Haythorpe
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## HOUSEKEEPING



## SPEAKER PROFILES

### Jordan 'Biggie' Steffen

Jordan Steffen is a true legend in the world of strength sports. His incredible feats of power include pulling a big rig tow truck, a 155-tonne train, and even a Qantas Boeing 737! Jordan still holds the record for the heaviest vehicle pulled (upper body) by a human at an astonishing 20,300 kg

With his inspiring mantra, "be yourself because there's no one else like you," Jordan, along with his crew of acrobats, will showcase the importance of trusting your teammates and the relentless dedication required to be the best. If you want to reach the top, be ready to practice, practice, and practice some more.



### Ashton Filmer

Artist Ashton Filmer's mural artwork has been a canvas to recovery, with the bold and bright colours reflecting his joy at surviving a head-on car crash in 2013. After breaking "everything from the hips down" (including both legs and feet) and being revived at the scene of his crash, Ashton suffered a severe left-side brain injury and was in a coma for 41 days. During Ashton's recovery, he had to re-learn basic life functions including how to walk and eat. Ashton shares his artwork with Street Smart High participants as a real-time illustration of his journey and recovery.



### Kelly Golding

Kelly Golding is a voiceover artist and travel and lifestyle presenter for Channel Seven in Adelaide.

In September 2009, Kelly's younger brother Matthew was hit and killed by a car while lying on the side of the road in Middleton. He had been out with his work mates and was walking home. He was three weeks away from becoming a dad for the first time, and Kelly was also four months pregnant at the time. Kelly hopes that sharing Matthew's story will not only honour his memory, but help educate drivers and party goers and reduce the risk of this type of crash happening in the future.



### Michael Holbrook

Life was excellent for the Holbrook family until June 2009 when their 18-year-old son Nick was taken from them in a car crash. He was a passenger in a friend's car that was speeding along West Lakes Boulevard. Michael now shares his story, from a parent's perspective, with young people across South Australia as a guest presenter with the SA Metropolitan Fire Service's 'Road Awareness Program'.



### Kym Inglis

In January 2010, Kym's life changed forever when his wife, two daughters and a family friend all tragically died in a car crash.

Kym's story and the impact that road trauma has had on his life touches raw spaces, expands hearts and strengthens resolve to dig deep amid adversity.

Wanting something positive to come out of this tragedy, Kym is a road safety advocate and shares his story in the hope that people will choose not to take risks on or around our roads because we can't choose the consequences.



### Nicholas J Johnson

Nicholas J Johnson is a professional speaker, magician, author and educator who specialises in improving the public's understanding of deception, and helping them to identify scams, hoaxes and suspect science. For the past 20 years, Nicholas has worked with businesses, law enforcement agencies and universities to uncover the tricks behind the trick.



### Melissa McGuinness

In 2012, Melissa's son, Jordan, caused the deaths of four other young people in a car crash in which he also died. He was speeding and under the influence of alcohol and marijuana.

In 2017, Melissa was invited by the Queensland Police Service to address a SAVE Day Road Safety event. Since then, YOU CHOOSE Youth Road Safety has been engaged by schools, councils, police and community organisations around Australia to uplift young people as advocates of changed driving behaviours.



## Dr Stewart Moodie

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Intensive Care Specialist  
Dr Stewart Moodie is the State Medical Director of DonateLife SA.

He is the South Australian representative on the ANZICS Death and Organ Donation Committee, Deputy Chair of the ANZICS End of Life Care Working Group and member of the NHMRC Ethical Allocation of Organs Working Group.

He is also Deputy Chair of the Central Adelaide Local Health Network Treatment Ethics Committee and a LEAD trainer on the Core Family Donation Conversation Workshops.



## Will Taheny

Will grew up on a farm on the Yorke Peninsula.

He was your typical kid playing sports, footy, basketball and helping out on the family farm.

At 20, Will started working at Roxby Downs which is a six-hour drive from home. He was an underground miner where he worked one week on and one week off. The company he worked for ensured that safety was an important part of the job culture. On June 14 2022, Will was back home with his mates and a passenger in a car. On that day his life changed forever.



## Eli Murn

In 2004, Eli crashed at high speed while driving under the influence. As a result, he now lives with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI).

With hours of physiotherapy and years of rehabilitation, he re-learned to walk, talk, eat and care for himself. Eli lives with ongoing mobility and memory issues associated with ABI, which are permanent.

Since the crash, Eli has taken every opportunity to share his story with young people.



## Mary Woolley

In 2017, Mary Woolley got the phone call no parent ever wants to receive – that her (then) 34-year-old son Daniel had been in a car crash on the Yorke Peninsula and was on life support, with a 30% chance of survival. Mary had to face the reality of saying goodbye to Daniel forever. Daniel survived the crash, suffering a diffuse axonal brain injury (along with many other injuries), spending two weeks in Intensive Care and 20 weeks at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre. Mary retired from her job as a teacher to care and help rehabilitate Daniel, who she says was given a second chance at life.



## Michael Piasente

I'm Michael and I'm a Patrol Team Leader based at RAA Mile End.

I've been at RAA for 15 years and in the automotive industry for 25 years. It's a satisfying job as we get to help people every day we are at work.

I'm proud to be part of Street Smart High for the first time as car safety is important to me. I have three young girls. One of them is attending Street Smart this year and will be getting her P's soon. So, this event where we talk to students about keeping safe on the road as either a driver or a passenger is something that is close to home and the heart.



## Daniel Woolley

After going through a give-way sign and being T-boned at an intersection, Daniel Woolley has no memory of the 2017 road crash that nearly claimed his life. It took two hours to cut him from the wreckage and he suffered a severe brain injury, lacerated spleen, broken ribs and ruptured diaphragm. After intensive rehabilitation lasting two years, supported by his parents, Daniel now joins several road safety awareness programs (including Street Smart High) to tell his story and hopefully make a difference to road users. Daniel lives with chronic pain, mobility issues and neurological fatigue.





## CLASSROOM DISCUSSION AND SACE CAPABILITIES

We strongly encourage all schools to continue the road safety conversation. We hope that your students will have a range of questions about the information presented to them.

By taking part in Street Smart High, students will contribute to the following SACE Capabilities:

Capabilities	Organising elements	Possible contextual applications
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Ethical understanding

- Understanding ethical concepts and issues
- Reasoning in personal decision making
- Exploring values, rights and responsibilities

- Social issues
- Ethics
- Beliefs
- Right and wrong
- Freedom

Critical and creative thinking

- Generating ideas, possibilities and actions
- Reflecting on thinking, actions and processes
- Analysing, synthesising and evaluating information

- Thought and reasoning
- Accessing, organising and using information
- Problem solving
- Collaborative thinking

Personal and social capability

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Social management

- Personal identity
- Resilience, self-esteem, self-efficacy, wellbeing
- Managing relationships
- Decision-making
- Family
- Community
- Social life
- Shared rights and obligations

*Just 'cause you can doesn't mean you should*

## CAUSING A CRASH: THE LEGAL SIDE



**John Lyons** is a Barrister in Adelaide who has been dealing with motor vehicle cases for 40 years. He tells us how one mistake on the road could land you a lengthy jail term.

### What are the legal consequences of causing a crash?

If you drive dangerously and cause a crash that kills or injures someone, you'll probably be charged with causing death or serious bodily harm by dangerous driving, under s19A of the *Criminal Law Consolidation Act 1935 (SA)*. Many months of legal proceedings starting in the Magistrates Court would then follow.

You might choose to plead not guilty, however usually it's clear who is at fault and the driver pleads guilty. Either way, you'll need to pay an expensive lawyer or use Legal Aid to represent you in court.

### What's the punishment?

Most dangerous driving offences have a maximum penalty of 15 years in jail, as well as automatic licence disqualification for 10 years. Then there is the stigma of having a criminal record that will show up on any police clearance for the rest of your life, affecting your ability to work and travel.

Sentences for driving offences are often quite harsh because the courts see it as their role to deter other people from acting the same way. A lot of young people don't realise this: even if it's your first offence and you're remorseful, you're likely to be given a significant jail sentence to deter other people your age from driving dangerously.

### What if I didn't mean to?

A lot of young offenders say, "I didn't mean to hurt anyone – it wasn't my intention." But that doesn't wash. If there was bad driving involved and a death or injury has resulted from it, you'll be found guilty of a very serious offence.

It is often tragic for everyone involved. When a young person causes a crash that kills someone – often one of their own friends – their whole life takes a turn for the absolute worst. The implications of causing such an incident and being convicted of an offence are phenomenal and long-lasting.

*I didn't  
mean to hurt  
anyone ...*

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers play an important role in reducing the road toll. They are key to influencing the development of safe driver attitudes and actions.

Schools are encouraged to provide information to these groups to educate them and help them initiate important conversations with their children. By engaging with parents and caregivers

and encouraging them to play an active role in road safety, we can make a real difference.

Visit [www.raa.com.au/streetsmarthigh](http://www.raa.com.au/streetsmarthigh) to download a fact sheet that can be included in your next school newsletter. By doing this, you'll be adding more information into your students' road safety backpacks.

## IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In 2023, we interviewed and photographed people that have been involved with Street Smart High throughout its 15 year history. We asked them why road safety and Street Smart High is important to them.

These are their stories, in their own handwriting, in their own words.

### Dr Bill Griggs

» Physician and trauma specialist

When I began attending road crash scenes as a paramedic and later as a doctor, I tried to keep track of the fatalities, but I lost count after attending my 100<sup>th</sup> death at the age of just 23.

Even though I stopped counting, they still all leave scars on my soul.



### Eli Murn

» Crash survivor

It was made clear from the beginning that I had a Traumatic Brain Injury, and that I would always have to live with the effects of this. I ended up spending nearly two years in rehab - learning to walk, talk, shower, eat and go to the toilet all over again.

Absolutely everything a person has to do to live. What I learnt from all of this, is that any body can choose to take risks, but nobody gets to choose the consequences. I didn't understand that at the time. Jails and coronaries are full of people who drove like I did.



## Rajan Thomas

» SA Ambulance Service

Technology has come a long way, where safety design is now a major feature of the cars we drive. Despite this, serious crashes continue to happen.

The injuries that follow should be preventable & reason with myself; this should never have been fatal.

At crashes we work as a team with other Emergency Services. We strive to make a difference.

I want to provide the best possible outcome, to reduce pain and suffering to save a life.

Sometimes it's simply not enough.



## Deb Wyatt

» High school teacher

One of the things they don't tell you when you train to be a teacher is that your students can die and unfortunately, most of these deaths happen on the road. It's truly heartbreaking!

I remember thinking at one point, what can I do to stop this?

When the opportunity came about to be part of Street Smart High, I really wanted to get involved and thought, I'm going to bring as many students as I can to see Street Smart High, so that they can be better informed about what can happen to them on the Road.

# TIPS TO BE A SAFE DRIVER

## As an **L** Plater

- Get lots of practice on different roads, in different cars at different times of the day
- Ask your supervisor about their tips for driving and how they keep safe
- Before you go on a drive, work out what you need to practice with your supervisor.

## As a **P** Plater

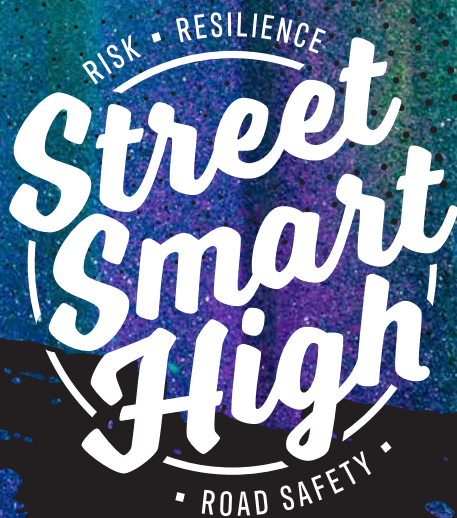
- Remember that even though you have passed the test – you are still a beginning driver
- Give yourself at least three seconds between you and the car in front
- Be extra careful at right hand turns (common cause of crashes).

## As a supervising driver

- Ensure your learner has varied driving experiences on their L's
- Ask questions of your learner about what they are seeing and thinking as they drive
- Remember – even if you are a good driver, it doesn't mean you are a good teacher.

## As the holder of an open license

- Remember the Fatal 5
- Give L and P Platers time and space on the road
- Share and respect the road – and everyone else on it.



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