



Education

Road safety education Primary school Enewsletter 2020 Semester 2



Kindergarten orientation – engaging your parents and carers in road safety

Kindergarten orientation delivery is probably going to look a lot different this year. But no matter how your school chooses to do it make sure road safety is part of the program.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. So, it's important all families and students starting in 2021 know what's expected of them in travelling, entering, exiting and moving through and around school grounds.

Kindergarten Orientation Library bags can be [ordered](#) for your 2021 kindergarten students as another way to [raise road safety awareness](#).



Safety Town with new PDHPE syllabus outcomes

Have you travelled to [Safety Town](#) recently?

It's recently been updated with the new PDHPE K-6 syllabus outcomes.

And the teaching and learning activities:

- use a strengths based approach
- focus on skill development
- encourage localising the context
- take a critical enquiry approach.

This reflects what the PDHPE K-10 syllabus advocates.

If you haven't been before register [now](#), it's free.

Heads up – Play it safe around light rail

New exciting resources about tram safety are now available on [Safety Town](#).

Trams may or may not be a local form of transport for your students, but

everyone needs to be prepared if and when they are around light rail.

Find out [more](#).



ES1 – S3 PDHPE units of learning

The department's PDHPE and Road Safety Education Officers have collaboratively written [How can I keep myself and others safe?](#) sample units of learning for Early Stage 1 - Stage 3.

The units align to the NSW PDHPE K-10 syllabus and show how road safety can be meaningfully embedded into your broader units of learning.

[Sample outcomes mapping grids](#) may also assist you identify and map PDHPE K-6 syllabus outcomes for each stage of learning.

What's happening in schools?

Punchbowl Public School students lead the way

Punchbowl's Student Leadership Team are passionate about being responsible and positive role models and being a safe road user is no exception.

After attending our Road safety education professional learning workshop Punchbowl Public School recognised the importance of sharing this information with their community.

[Read more](#) about how the students' used their voice to raise awareness of a community issue. A great way to share information on your school website, front foyer, school newsletters.

Welcome to the new world of virtual professional learning

...well, for the time being anyway!

In response to social distancing we have rapidly redesigned our professional learning to virtual delivery using Zoom. The results have been fantastic! So much so that even we've been surprised at how well it's worked and even better, how well it's been received by teachers across the state.

It's also meant that travel and distance are no longer barriers to every NSW teacher being able to access our accredited professional learning.

Find out more about our [Road safety education: Safe behaviours in PDHPE K-6](#) workshop if you haven't already been.

If you have a support class or are a SSP, check out our: [Road safety education for SSP and support unit teachers K-12](#) workshop.



Safe travel to and from school

Trying to better manage before and after school pick up and drop off?

Don't know what to do if no substitute School Crossing Supervisor is appointed to relieve when yours is absent?

Get answers to these and other questions by heading to our webpage [Safe entry and exit of students to school grounds](#).

The department's new [parent and carer hub](#) also has information about [safe travel](#).

Watch out for our new safe active travel professional learning workshop we'll be rolling out state-wide next year after trialling it with teachers in late November this year.

Making school drop off and pick up safer for students

Hornsby Shire Council's Road Safety Officer, Lesley Tipping, recently issued

schools in her area these corflute signs, to help keep students safer as they enter and exit the school.

Lesley and her counterpart at Ryde City Council, Lisa Pears, had the signs produced as a visual reminder for drivers.

The signs assist drivers by clearly identifying the kiss and drop zone and reminding them of the rules and expected behaviours.

If you think your school could benefit from this initiative contact your council's Road Safety Officer or else email Lesley at ltipping@hornsby.nsw.gov.au for more information.



School digital message boards

Digital message boards are a great way for schools to share, promote and reinforce road safety messages to students, parents/carers and the wider school community.

To make greater impact personalise your messages by using pictures of your students and parents/carers displaying safe and positive road use behaviours.

But keep your messages short and simple so as not to distract drivers.

The department's Road Safety Education Program webpage has many ideas for messages:

- [driving and parking safely near the school](#)
- [reminding parents and carers](#)

Please note:

- schools' digital message boards should not be used to display or imitate traffic signs, e.g. 40km school speed zones, as outlined in NSW Planning and Environment legislation



Reporting local issues is now a snap!

[Snap Send Solve](#) is a free app to alert local authorities about issues such as illegal rubbish dumping, graffiti, vandalism, road safety issues, and so on.

It's an easy and efficient way for you to notify local council about concerns identified around your school, e.g. missing street signage, faded road markings, trees blocking signs, damaged footpaths or roads, street lights not working, dangerous driver behaviours, illegal parking of vehicles, traffic congestion, construction impacting student safety as they travel to/from school.

Snap a photo and send it via the app. The image and location details are forwarded to the relevant council and lodged for them to follow up on. The time frame for them responding varies however this is a very simple way for councils to be made aware of road safety issues they may not know about in your local area.

From a department perspective documenting and notifying relevant authorities is an important step in managing a school's duty of care for student safety onsite and in the school zone.

Find out more about [Snap Send Solve](#) to help make your school community a safer place for all.

And for more information on school duty of care and safe student travel please contact your local [Road Safety Education Officer](#).

Sustainable school grants

The department's School Infrastructure unit encourages schools to be as sustainable as possible.

To encourage positive changes in this area they're offering grants. This year the application process opens on Monday 2 November and closes Friday 27 November 2020.

One aspect that definitely fits in this space is encouraging students to be active travellers to and from school by walking, riding or taking public transport. There's many researched and documented benefits of safe active travel so why not put this idea to your school leadership team for consideration?

Get more information from the department's [sustainable school grants](#) webpage.

Further help, advice, support and to stay connected

Road safety education

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PDHPE curriculum

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Or visit the department's [PDHPE curriculum webpages](#)

We acknowledge the homelands of all Aboriginal people and pay our respect to Country.

