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Road safety education primary schools e-newsletter

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Yah, it's holidays

After 10 weeks of students learning at home, it's time for everyone to get outside and safely enjoy the warmer weather.

Share this [article](#) with your families before the spring break.



Road safety and kindergarten orientation

Starting school in 2022 means many new experiences for children and their families. Travelling to and from school is no exception.

Strengthen your school's culture and expectations for safe road use onsite and to/from school by reading our [kindergarten orientation and road safety](#) ideas on:

- what to highlight
- how to share it
- ordering resources (get in quick as limited stock this year).
- contacting your local Road Safety Education Officer.

As students in kindergarten vary in height and weight the rules around vehicle child restraints can be confusing for parents/carers. Remind families by sharing the following:

- [When can I move my child from a booster seat?](#) Advice to parents about keeping children in their booster seat until they are ready.
- [Sharing the care of our children](#) - encouraging other carers in children's lives to be aware of the road safety messaging.



Safe active travel professional learning workshop

Lockdowns have created opportunities for people to rethink how they travel from A to B. The incredible increase in bicycle sales in NSW is one example of people changing their travel habits.

If your school's interested in getting more students and families to actively travel to and from school let us know.

We are in the last stages of finalising our newest professional learning workshop, [Road safety education: Safe active travel](#), and are looking for schools to invite.



Great ideas from day 2 professional learning workshops

Teachers are thinking up and creating innovative road safety resources at day 2 of the road safety education workshops.

Here's a few:

- using a student-voice approach Primbee Public school is making a video about safe pedestrian and driver behaviour, localised to their school and school zone traffic environment. Using strengths-based messaging students and families will be made reminded of safe road user behaviours in and around the school.
- Cudgegong Valley Public School are planning an interactive, skills-focused wheeled device safety program for students to improve their riding and road safety skills as well as promote safe active travel to and from school.

At the end of each term there'll be a wheeled device riding event in the community to reinforce and celebrate student learning in wheels and road safety. The school's seeking support from the local community such as the bike shop, triathlon and bike clubs.

Learning at home about road safety

Keep them engaged and motivated with Safety Town - a road safety education resource for primary school students, teachers and families. The website includes a suite of fun interactive activities, comprehensive teaching notes, links to relevant transport information, and information for families and carers to reinforce road safety messages that are taught from Kindergarten to Year 6.

This is a great opportunity to encourage families to work together and continue the conversation about road safety and support their child's learning as part of the PDHPE curriculum.

<https://www.safetytown.com.au/>



PDHPE safety unit of learning

Using the essential question [How can I keep myself and others safe?](#) the road safety education team and PDHPE K-6 advisors have written sample units of work.

Each stage of learning has 10 sequential lessons that focus on developing student's skills through different content.

Managing return to school - Covid 19

Advice for principals to help plan for the managed return of students especially during [pick-ups and drop-offs](#).

The Road Safety Education Program team

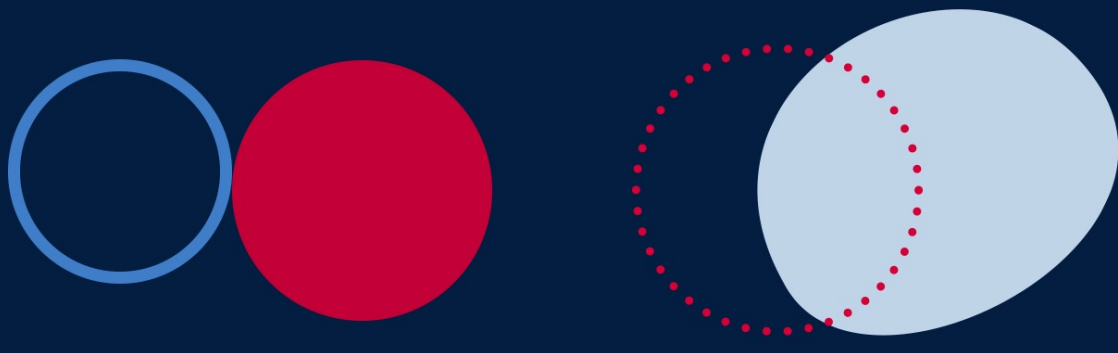
We've had new Road Safety Education Officers join the team since last term:

- Lee Armstrong, Macquarie Park Office
- Pip Fenwick, Warilla Office
- Kerry Keogh, relieving at Coffs Harbour Office

All three are experienced teachers ready to support you and your school.

Feel free to [contact](#) them about anything to do with road safety or road safety education.

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



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