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## Road Safety Education 7–12 newsletter Term 4 2024



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## Transition to high school safely

Transitioning to high school can be an exciting yet challenging experience for many students. Some students are fortunate to attend a school close to home and have a short commute, while others may face a longer journey. For these students, it might be their first time using public transport or they may need to walk or cycle further to reach their new school.

A variety of [Transition to Year 7](#) resources have been developed to assist students and families transition safely into high school.



High school students safely travelling to school.

## New Stage 4 road safety teaching and learning activities

Check out the latest Stage 4 road safety teaching and learning activities, using explicit teaching and creative thinking to propose solutions to potential challenges.

- [Stage 4 activity – Exploring the impact of mobile phones on road safety](#)
- [Stage 4 activity – Bus safety your ride your responsibility](#)
- [Stage 4 activity – Exploring e-bikes in NSW](#)

More road safety teaching and learning resources are available for [secondary students](#).

## **PDHPE K–10 syllabus – Road safety explicit content examples**

A support document has been developed to identify content in the current PDHPE K–10 Syllabus that specifically addresses road safety education.

As stated in the Road Safety Education procedures: Road safety education is required to be taught in every stage of learning from Kindergarten to Year 10 as part of PDHPE.

Teachers make judgements of what content is appropriate to meet the needs of their students.

Download [PDHPE K-10 syllabus – Road safety education – explicit content \(PDF 123 KB\)](#).

## **Students interested in getting their L's?**

Students can test their driving skills with the [Driver Knowledge Test](#) (DKT) developed by Service NSW.

Benefits of the DKT include:

- access to an interactive, online 4–6-hour course currently available in English and simplified Chinese, for 12 months

- engaging and visual way to learn the road rules
- unlimited attempts to pass the online test at no extra cost (you only pay the test fee when you apply for your licence)
- an accessible text-to-speech function that can read the content out to you.

Students may be eligible to have the test fee waived if they are:

- a participant in the Driver Licensing Access Program
- undertaking the DKT within a correctional centre or juvenile justice centre.

Service NSW offers support services for [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities](#). These include:

- a wide range of programs and services to help get and keep a driver's licence
- proof of identity support.

For more information, support and advice, refer to [Helping young people get their driver's licence](#).



A young person passing their Learner Licence test.

## New Road safety education policy procedures

The [Road Safety Education procedures](#) have been redeveloped as part of the revised policies for implementation in Term 1 2025. They provide clear direction and guidance to support effective implementation of road safety education in NSW public schools.

### Roles and responsibilities

Principals:

- Ensure road safety is taught in each stage of learning as part of the PDHPE Kindergarten to Year 10 Syllabus and the mandatory Stage 6 Life Ready course.
- Provide opportunities for staff to undertake the department's road safety education [professional learning](#).
- Regularly communicate and consult with parents, carers and students about the road and traffic conditions near the school, such as changes and hazards.
- Annually review the 'Location and transport tab' on their school's website to ensure current safe travel information is provided to the school community.
- Provide information to parents and carers [promoting safe travel](#).

Teachers:

- Explicitly teach road safety through the curriculum to meet student needs (pedestrian safety, passenger safety, safety on wheels and future driver education).
- Follow the [Excursion and variations of routine procedures](#) and safe travel advice.
- Undertake the department's road safety education [professional learning](#).
- Share student learning with parents and carers to ensure consistent road safety messaging and reinforce safe behaviours.

Refer to the Road safety education procedures — [what needs to be done](#) for more information, details and resources to support schools.



## Managing road safety risks

Principals and other workplace managers are responsible for identifying and implementing appropriate control measures to eliminate or reduce risks as far as reasonably practicable.

[Controlling the risks onsite and in the school traffic environment \(PDF 134 KB\)](#) is a new resource that can help schools review current safety measures and identify additional strategies to reduce road safety risks as part of the risk management process.

The control measures are categorised under the hierarchy of controls and use a whole school approach to promote safety:

- curriculum
- policy, environment and culture
- parents, carers and community partnerships.

Contact your local Road Safety Education Officer for further support for you and your school.

## E-bikes in schools update

The department's [Riding e-bikes and e-scooters](#) information has been updated to include some frequently asked questions and advice for storing e-bikes on school grounds:

- The charging of e-bike lithium-ion batteries is not permitted on department sites.
- E-bikes are to be stored in a location away from structures.






Image of an e-bike.

## Helmet STAR rating helps selection

In NSW, bicycle riders must wear an approved Australian or overseas standard helmet that is correctly fitted and fastened.

The new Helmet STAR (Safety Testing and Assessment Ratings) can help you choose the safest helmet. Helmet STAR awards a star rating from 1 to 5 based on how well they protect a rider's head in a crash.

Find out more [Helmet STAR | Transport for NSW](#).

WRD helmets	Make and model	Safety rating	Price*	Test results
	Triple 8 The Certified (Skate 2 MIPS)	★★★★	\$\$\$	Technical Report (PDF, 143.74 KB)
	Family BMX (T36)	★★★	\$	Technical Report (PDF, 149.62 KB)
	Anko Action Helmet	★★★	\$	Technical Report (PDF, 144.74 KB)

An example of helmet ratings from Transport for NSW.

## Professional Learning

The Road Safety Education team facilitates online and face to face [professional learning workshops](#) for secondary schools, focusing on best practice road safety education as part of the PDHPE K-10 Syllabus and Life Ready.

Teachers will receive:

- up-to-date advice and support from our road safety education team
- the latest research about road safety education
- free, quality resources to support teaching and learning
- support for promoting road safety to parents and carers
- strategies on how to address road safety issues around your school.

## Further information

Contact your local [Road Safety Education Officer](#) for further support for you and your school.



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We recognise the Ongoing Custodians of the lands and waterways where we work and live. We pay respect to Elders past and present as ongoing teachers of knowledge, songlines and stories. We strive to ensure every Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learner in NSW achieves their potential through education.



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