Road safety education in NSW public schools

Empowering children and young people to be safer road users now and into the future

The Road Safety Education team provide quality road safety education support and professional learning to teachers in NSW public schools K-12.

Ten Road Safety Education Officers located around the state:

- tailor service delivery to meet student and school needs
- facilitate professional learning workshops for primary and secondary teachers (including special education) about best practice road safety education as part of the PDHPE K-10 syllabus and Stage 6 Life Ready course
- work with teachers to develop localised quality teaching and learning materials
- assist teachers to develop resources that promote a culture of safe road use in the school community
- provide advice to principals and schools about implementation of the Department of Education’s Road Safety Education Policy and duty of care obligations
- support principals to address and manage road safety issues in and around their school.

Whole school approach to road safety education

Curriculum

Effective road safety teaching and learning is:

- localised
- student-centred, skills-focused and engaging
- strength based with educative purpose
- aligned with PDHPE K-10 syllabus and Stage 6 Life Ready learning outcomes.

Policy, environment and culture

Schools create and sustain a safe environment on-site and in the school zone by using:

- the department’s Road Safety Education Policy
- risk management tools
- duty of care processes
- safe road user procedures
- local stakeholders.

Parents and community partnerships

The whole school community:

- shares responsibility for keeping children safe
- reinforces safe road use
- acts safely in the road environment
- engages in decision making about safe travel.