

SUPPORTING 7-12 ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION (RSE) AS STUDENTS RETURN TO ON-CAMPUS LEARNING

Road Safety education skills are taught as part of the PDHPE K-10 Syllabus at each Stage of learning and through Stage 6 student wellbeing. At school, children develop their knowledge, skills, understanding and attitudes about road safety. The partnership between home and school ensures that what children learn at school is reinforced by families when out and about in the real road and traffic environment. Parents and carers have an important role in supporting road safety education by providing advice and guidance. **By following road safety habits and driving practices, families send positive safety messages to their children and help them learn to be responsible for their own safety.**

Stage 4-6 Road Safety Education

Students in Stage 4 mainly use roads as pedestrians, passengers, and riders. At this Stage, students build on what has been taught in Primary school and learn about protective behaviours, laws and road safety education rules.

Students in Stage 5 are approaching the age when they can apply for a learner licence and may be passengers of older siblings and friends. At this Stage, students learn about how to plan for challenging and unsafe situations and evaluate factors that may impact their decisions and behaviours.

With many senior students already learning to drive, Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12) road safety education focuses on driver and passenger safety.

Why is it important for parents/carers to support student road safety?

- Staying up to date with current [Australian](#) and [NSW](#) Government advice on reducing the potential risk of COVID-19 transmission in schools will support whole-school wellbeing.
- Adhering to the school's usual and additional drop-off and pick-up instructions and designated zones will ensure all members of the school community stay safe.
- A responsible adult can support students in the traffic environment.
- Students will need support to develop skills to judge the direction and speed of vehicles.
- Helping students to remain focused on one thing at a time means students will be supported to deal with sudden changes in the traffic environment.
- Knowing the road rules will support student safety in and around vehicles.
- Avoiding dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns in school zones will support road safety.
- Taking the time to explore [On the Move](#) road safety education activities will support student safety.

* Schools can access no-cost Road Safety Education support and resources from AISNSW [here](#).

