Road safety programs for secondary schools

Whitehorse City Council is pleased to offer a number of road safety programs to secondary schools within the municipality. We encourage schools to participate in these fun and powerful learning experiences that aim to decrease road injuries and fatalities.

All programs have been developed by experts in the fields of education and road safety.

The programs are provided FREE of charge, thanks to funding and support from Whitehorse City Council, RoadSafe Eastern Metro, the Transport Accident Commission and VicRoads.

Road Smart (Year 10)
Road Smart is the new road safety education and training program for young drivers, as they are start their driving career, either before or after getting their Learners Permit.
For more information, visit www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

Fit to Drive (Year 11)
Fit to Drive is a half day workshop that addresses the over representation of young road users involved in car crashes. Peer pressure, risk taking, over confidence, and inexperience are the main contributors to crashes involving young people. The workshop aims to empower students with knowledge and skills to make safe choices.
For more information, visit www.f2d.com.au

Looking After Our Mates (Year 12)
Looking After Our Mates is an interactive 45 minute presentation that discusses the effects of drugs, alcohol and peer pressure on driving, and the need for young people to look after their mates.
For more information, contact Whitehorse City Council on roadsafety@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Court Room Drama (Year 10+)
The Court Room Drama program gives students an insight into the real-life court processes of a young male who is charged with culpable driving. The interactive program is run by the National Trust of Australia and is held at the Old Melbourne Gaol and former Melbourne Magistrates Court. The program presents a drama based re-enactment of a court case involving a teenager who is charged with culpable driving. Funding to participate in Court Room Drama is provided to schools which have participated in the Road Smart program (see above).
For more information, visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/education/
To access funding for this program, contact Council on roadsafety@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Connecting the Dots (Year 10+)
Connecting the Dots is a classroom based activity developed by the Transport Accident Commission. The program involves VCE Legal Studies and/or Year 10 English students watching a 20 minute documentary and completing a series of activities. The documentary tells the story of the aftermath of a tragic car crash involving a group of young men.
For more information, visit www.tac.vic.gov.au
SpinChat (Year 11)
The SpinChat program aims to raise awareness, promote prevention and educate secondary students about spinal cord injury. The 1 hour SpinChat presentation has a strong focus on risk minimisation and the consequences of careless or high-risk activities such as dangerous driving or diving into shallow water. SpinChat is delivered by Independence Australia, and is supported by the Transport Accident Commission. For more information, visit www.spinchat.org.au To access funding for this program, contact Council on roadsafety@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

Other programs and resources
There are a range of curriculum resources that have been developed by different government agencies and community groups throughout Victoria.

For full list of these programs, visit www.roadsafetyeducation.vic.gov.au

BikeEd
Funding is available for teachers to participate in the Bike Ed accreditation training course. The funding includes:
- Registration fees for the 2 day course
- Bike Ed resource kit
- A contribution towards costs of replacing the participating teacher with a CRT while on the course

For more information, contact Council on roadsafety@whitehorse.vic.gov.au

For further information about any of these transport programs, please contact:

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