

20 August 2020

RE: Bstreetsmart

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Tuesday 25th August your child will have the opportunity to attend a live online class that outlines and promotes road safety education as a driver or passenger in vehicles.

The online class will be delivered by Bstreetsmart which is the inspiring initiative of the Trauma Service at Westmead Hospital. The purpose of Bstreetsmart is to reduce the fatality and injury rates of young people by promoting safe behaviour as drivers, riders and passengers.

Bstreetsmart provides students with firsthand experiences and:

- An understanding of their responsibilities as a driver and as a responsible passenger
- Information and strategies to avoid serious injuries and death
- Information on how to reduce risk taking behaviour through greater awareness of the consequences of distracted driving, inattention, speeding, drink and drug driving and driver fatigue.

The session will highlight some important issues as well as real life victims of road traffic accidents and includes an insight into a patient's journey through the hospital from the emergency department to rehabilitation. It also follows the driver's progression through the police station and court room. There will be a guest speaker who has sustained a spinal injury due to a car crash and a guest speaker who has lost her son in a motor vehicle crash.

The session is not compulsory but we do encourage students to participate and engage in this education. The Bstreetsmart crash scenario can be quite confronting to students and if at any

time during the session your child feels the need to take a break, they most certainly can.

For further information about the event please visit the website – <https://bstreetsmart.org>

If you do not wish for your child to be present at the live class please inform their advisor/ teacher via email.

Kind Regards,
Thomas Hughes
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