



## NEWSLETTER

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### WELCOME – BSTREETSMART NEWSLETTER!

#### **bstreetsmart 2017**

Qudos Bank Arena, Homebush will again host the event this year on Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 August from 9.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.



Brooke Richardson & Vicki Richardson

#### **2017 bstreetsmart event**

We currently have 180 schools already booked in with a total of 22,014 students. **Wednesday 16 August is now booked out!**

#### **NEW SPEAKER!**

Four years ago **Vicki Richardson** lost her much-loved daughter in a tragic car crash that occurred when she momentarily took focus off the road to send a message on her phone. “Hey are you still coming today,” was the simple text message the 20-year-old hairdresser sent to a client on her way to work as a hairdresser in Cobram on 4 December 2012. Brooke’s death helped spark a review of laws covering the use of mobile phones by drivers including a ban on any use, hands-free or not, by P1 or P2 learner drivers and increased fines and demerit point loss for other drivers. Brooke, sadly, was the first person in Victoria where a coroner formally found mobile texting to be the cause of the death. **Vicki Richardson** shares her heart breaking story at *bstreetsmart* this year.

#### **Teachers Lounge**

The Teacher’s lounge is sponsored by Transport for NSW and will have a great educational information pack for teachers to utilise when presenting your PDHPE section of the curriculum to students. **Make sure you visit The Teacher’s Lounge located in The Club Room on level 1 (Club Level) during the break.**

#### **Register now!!**

#### **2017 bstreetsmart event**

**Book now** on the below link:

[www.bstreetsmart.org](http://www.bstreetsmart.org)

A reminder that the entry fee this year is **\$5 plus GST per student (teachers are free)**. **Final numbers** are to be submitted by **Friday 4 August**. Invoices will be sent out to schools by 11 August. No cancellations permitted after this time.

#### **Student Comment:**

*“It has made me think about the people I drive and how they are my responsibility. As many drivers are distracted by their passengers, I think it is best to reconsider who you are driving in your car. Thank you for opening my eyes.”*

#### **Teacher Comment:**

*“Outstanding job as always. Students always comment on how much they get out of the day and even former students who attended years ago comment how much it has impacted them and their driving.”*

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