



## NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME – BSTREETSMART NEWSLETTER!

**bstreetsmart 2018**

**28-30 August – Limited Space!**

### 2018 *bstreetsmart* event

202 schools with a total of 25,259 students booked. **Please email [chapin@bstreetsmart.org](mailto:chapin@bstreetsmart.org) for seat availability!**

### Vicki Richards Returns!

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* again this year.

### Teachers Lounge

The Teacher’s Lounge is sponsored by Transport for NSW and will have your sector’s road safety education consultants available with great education information to use in your classroom. Complimentary tea, coffee and snacks will be served!

**Make sure you visit The Teacher’s Lounge located on Level 1 (Club Level) during the break.**



Brooke Richardson & Vicki Richardson

### 2018 *bstreetsmart* event

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A reminder that the entry fee this year is **\$5 plus GST per student (teachers are free)**. **Final numbers** are to be submitted by **Thursday 16 August**. Invoices will be sent out to schools by 23 August. No cancellations permitted after this time.

### Student Comment:

*“This was well worth every minute. The people who have sacrificed their time have put forward a fantastic demonstration and it was confronting but so realistic and everyone needs to see it.”*

### Teacher Comment:

*“It was just EXCELLENT! I am still telling other friends, teenagers, parents and teachers about it. We will be back next year. Thank you so much for making this excursion affordable for students, as it one of the BEST presentations I have ever seen about safe driving and it even had an impact on me. It is so important that students realise that these terrible crashes can happen to anyone, and mobile phones are our current big problem.”*

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