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WELCOME – BSTREETSMART NEWSLETTER!

bstreetsmart 2019 10-12 SEPTEMBER – SOLD OUT!



Brooke Richardson & Vicki Richardson

2019 bstreetsmart event

202 schools with a total of 25,181 students booked. Please email for waiting list places: <u>chapin@bstreetsmart.org</u>

Vicki Richards Returns!

Four years ago Vicki Richardson lost her muchloved 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 *b*streetsmart again this year.

Student Comment:

"It was very eye opening. It has already influenced my driving and I have attempted to educate family members on things I learnt including, the disaster of distraction as well as the short time span of only a few seconds that can lead to injury or death"

Teacher Comment:

"This day was amazing to see. I have had so much discussion with students about safe behaviours on the road since attending."

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A reminder that the entry fee this year is \$5.50 per student (including GST). Teachers are free.

Final numbers are to be submitted by Thursday 22 August. Invoices will be sent out to schools by 23 August. No cancellations permitted after this time.

Teachers Lounge

There will be a change to the Teachers Lounge for 2019!

Responding to feedback provided from last year, The Teachers Lounge will be moved back to its previous location in the Northern Foyer to provide the additional space required. Still sponsored by Transport for NSW, it will now **only provide complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits**! There will be a snack cart available in the area to purchase food to avoid queuing at the food outlets around the arena.

Make sure you visit The Teacher's Lounge located on the ground level in the Northern Foyer during the lunch break.

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