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WELCOME – BSTREETSMART NEWSLETTER!

bstreetsmart 2021

Thursday 12 August – SOLD OUT!

2021 bstreetsmart event

160 schools with a total of 19,750 students booked!

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Brooke Richardson & Vicki Richardson

Vicki Richardson Returns!

Eight 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.

Covid Changes for 2021

1. Starting later at 10.30am (end 12.30pm)

To ensure Covid safe seating, we are starting later to ensure all schools have enough time to arrive and be seated.

2. No Interactive Displays

Qudos Bank Arena’s Covid policy prevents us from having any lunch time displays for 2021.

3. No Lunch Break

As we are not permitted to have interactive displays, there will be no lunch break.

However, students will be permitted to eat in their seats at a designated time during the program.

4. No student bags

As in previous years, no students are permitted to bring in any form of school bag into the arena – only their lunch in a see-through plastic bag and no cans (drinks or food e.g. tins of tuna). Teachers are able to bring one bag no larger than 30cm x 30cm for student medications.

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A reminder that the entry fee this year is \$10 per student (incl GST & teachers free)

Final numbers are to be submitted by **Friday 23 July**. No cancellations permitted after this time. Additions subject to availability.

Invoices will be sent out to schools first week of July. **Absolutely NO refunds permitted once invoice is paid.**

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”

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