



## NEWSLETTER

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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!

Questions: [chapin@bstreetsmart.org](mailto:chapin@bstreetsmart.org)

### 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.

### 2021 bstreetsmart event

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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.**



Brooke Richardson & Vicki Richardson

### 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.

### 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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