

2025 PROGRAM

RISK • RESILIENCE Street Smart High ROAD SAFETY

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SHARING STORIES ABOUT RISK, RESILIENCE AND ROAD SAFETY SINCE 2021



Message From Simon Matthias

AANT Chief Executive Officer

As a dad of two teenagers—one about to start learning to drive and the other already on their P-plates—road safety is always top of mind for me. The freedom that comes with driving is exciting, but it also comes with real risks. That's why programs like Street Smart High are so important—they give young drivers the skills, knowledge, and awareness needed to stay safe on the road.

I'm incredibly proud that AANT delivers the largest youth road safety event in the Northern Territory. This year, as we celebrate five years of Street Smart High, we're excited to offer every student attending a free 12-month Roadside Assistance membership—because supporting young drivers doesn't stop when the event ends.

Today, you'll hear from inspiring speakers who will show just how easy it can be to make good choices behind the wheel—and how devastating the consequences of poor choices can be, not just for you, but for your family, friends, and the entire community.

To the 1,400 students and teachers here today; Welcome! Take in today's lessons, ask questions, and think about the choices you make behind the wheel or as a passenger.

"Your future is bright, so get there safely."



Message from Hon. Bill Yan

Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure

Driving in the Territory is a privilege that comes with a lot of responsibility. Our long, open highways, unpredictable wildlife, and extreme weather conditions particularly in the wet season present unique challenges for drivers. Changes in road conditions, fatigue on remote drives, driving on flooded roads and ignoring road closures can all lead to devastating consequences. That's why being a responsible driver is about more than just following the road rules - it's about staying aware, making smart choices, and respecting the environment we live in.

Too many lives are lost or changed forever because of preventable crashes caused by factors such as speeding, drink driving, and distractions. Whether you're a learner, P-plater, or an experienced driver, making safe choices behind the wheel can mean the difference between life and death.

The Street Smart High program will empower you with the knowledge and skills to stay safe on our roads. From understanding the dangers of speeding and drink driving to the impact of distractions, the lessons you will take away from today have the power to prevent a tragedy - not just for yourself, but for your family, your mates, and our community.

I encourage you to get involved, ask questions, and take road safety seriously. Together, we can make our roads safer for everyone.



Celebrating 5 years of Street Smart High with a FREE AANT Roadside Membership!

To mark the fifth year of Street Smart High, all students can enjoy complimentary AANT Membership.

Ensuring safety and peace of mind, both on and off the road.

www.aant.com.au/free-membership



EVENT PROGRAM

March 27th 2025

9:20am	Doors to Convention Centre open
9:50am	Students and guests to be seated
10:00am	Welcome Ben Haythorpe, Master of Ceremonies
10:00am	Guest Speaker Eli Murn
10:20am	Crash Scene Narrated by Daryl Shaw, St John Ambulance
10:50am	Donate Life Presentation Dr. Paul Goldrick
11:00am	Guest Speaker David & Janet Wilson
11:10am	Driver Distraction Presentation Nicholas J Johnson
11:25am	DriveSafe NT Aimee Tagell
11:40am	Lunchbreak Interactive displays in foyer and auditorium floor Staff room for teachers in Meeting room 3
12:30pm	Students and guests to be seated
12:35pm	Wheelchair Basketball
12.45pm	Guest Speaker Melissa McGuinness OAM
12:55pm	Car Safety Demonstration Edon Bell, AANT
1:05pm	Guest Speaker Blake Wilson
1:15pm	Guest Speaker Alistair Wyvill
1:25pm	Elephants Don't Forget
1:40pm	Closing
2:00pm	Students onto Buses

If you need to talk to someone about what you have seen. A counsellor is available throughout the day in meeting room 4, ground floor.



THE CRASH SCENE EXPLAINED

Andrew, Claire and Chris are heading home from a party. Andrew is driving, Claire is in the front passenger seat and Chris is in the back seat.

Chris unclips his seatbelt to show Andrew a photo in a text message. Andrew looks at the photo and then collides with a motorcyclist.

Chris is thrown through the windscreen of the car and is killed. The motorcyclist, John, is injured and Claire is trapped in the car with a broken leg. The driver, Andrew, is able to get out of the car.

Additional character information:

Driver (Andrew)

Andrew has a small cut to his head. He has his head bandaged by ambulance officers at the scene, is arrested by police and taken away in a police car.

Motorcyclist (John)

John is the motorcyclist that is hit by the car. There is blood on his leg and his helmet remains on until he is attended to by ambulance officers. He is carried off on a stretcher. John is not considered a key part of the re-creation, his story continues during the DonateLife presentation.

Front seat passenger (Claire)

Claire is trapped in the car because she can't get her leg free from the wreck. NT Fire & Rescue has to cut her out of the car. They are concerned she may have a neck injury and a broken leg. This is done with great caution.

Rear seat passenger (Chris)

Chris took his seatbelt off so that he could lean forward to show the driver, Andrew, a text message on his phone. He didn't have his seatbelt on when the car crashed and was thrown through the windscreen. He landed on the ground in front of the car and has blood on his head.

First on scene (Justine and Adam)

Justine and Adam, who were at the same party as those involved in the crash, are first on scene. Adam calls emergency services while Justine stays with Claire to keep her calm.



TERRITORY TALKS

At Street Smart High, you would have seen just how many people are affected when road trauma occurs. The 'Territory Talks' videos throughout the day gave you a brief insight into how different people are affected by issues associated with road safety.

All schools will be given a set of Territory Talks clips. We encourage teachers and students to view these again back in the classroom to continue the road safety conversation.

The questions that were asked

1. Why are you interested in road safety?
2. How have car crashes changed your life?
3. How do you feel about people who have caused crashes?
4. If people break the road rules, do they deserve what they get?
5. What should you do if you're in a car with someone and they start speeding or have had too much to drink?
6. Do teenagers have crashes because their brains aren't fully developed?
7. Does having your mates in the car cause crashes?
8. Do teenagers fully understand the risks involved with driving?
9. What could be done to improve road safety in NT?
10. If you could leave students with one piece of advice, what would it be?

The people we interviewed



John Carey
Crash Victim



Kim Fairclough
Crash Victim



Alistar Wyvill
Father of Toby – Crash Victim



Clinton Richardson
Police Officer



Chris Thurgood
Police Officer



Craig Slack
Fire Officer



Lana Spicer
Fire Officer



Belinda Nolan
Trauma Nurse



Trista Barbarino
Trauma Nurse



Bridie Morley
Paramedic



Samantha Cooper
Paramedic



Katie Woolf
Radio Presenter



Jax Ward
Young Driver



Brendan McPherson
Young Driver

*Your future
is bright – get
there safely*

SPEAKER PROFILES



Dr Paul Goldrick

Medical Director

Graduating from Sydney University in 1990, Paul trained in anaesthesia and intensive care in West London, then at St Vincent's in Sydney completing FANZCA in 1999. He relocated to FNQ and completed his Fellowship in Intensive Care in 2003 in Cairns and Townsville. Paul has worked in the NT since 2004 in the Royal Darwin Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, and has been the ICU Director since 2016. Paul commenced as DonateLife NT's medical director in late 2023.



Eli Murn

In 2004, Eli crashed at high speed while driving under the influence. As a result, he now lives with an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). With hours of physiotherapy and years of rehabilitation, he re-learned to walk, talk, eat and care for himself. Eli lives with ongoing mobility and memory issues associated with ABI, which are permanent. Since the crash, Eli has taken every opportunity to share his story with young people.



David Wilson

David arrived in the Territory in the early 1980s, where he met his wife Janet. He is the proud father of four children. Life was good for this happy family until August 2018, when tragedy struck. David's 21-year-old son Brandon was killed in a single vehicle rollover crash on the Roper Highway near Mataranka; he was not wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash. David and his family hopes that by sharing their story, they will raise awareness of the importance of safe driving in order to prevent other families from experiencing such tragedy. What if...? The Brandon Wilson Story can be viewed on YouTube.



Nicholas J Johnson

Nicholas J Johnson is a professional speaker, magician, author and educator who specialises in improving the public's understanding of deception, and helping them to identify scams, hoaxes and suspect science. For the past 20 years, Nicholas has worked with businesses, law enforcement agencies and universities to uncover the tricks behind the trick.

THE GOALS FOR STREET SMART HIGH

Risk

To educate about driving and passenger risks

Resilience

To develop resilience in young people to avoid dangerous situations

Road Safety

To increase knowledge, develop new skills and positive attitudes about road safety

“Lose tomorrow if you don't speak up today”



Aimee Tagell

Aimee is a true Territorian; she and her family of seven love the Territory lifestyle and all it has to offer. Born and educated in Darwin, Aimee has worked in Road

Safety education in the NT for over 15 years. She is passionate about empowering youth to be safe on our roads and travels extensively across the NT to reach young people and deliver road safety education in schools.



Edon Bell

Edon Bell has been involved in the automotive industry for over 30 years, starting out as an apprentice. Edon has gone on to work with major vehicle manufactures brands

before commencing as a technical advisor with RAA (of SA) and then moving to the Territory. Edon has seen firsthand the advancements in technology that have occurred in motor vehicles, in particular those that focus on safety and the important role that the Australian New Car Assessment Programme (ANCAP) has played in driving these changes.

Edon is proud to be involved in presenting the car safety segment which takes a closer look at the ANCAP Star Rating programme and how this can help consumers to make informed choices when purchasing a new or used vehicle.



Alistair Wyvill

Alistair was born and bred in Brisbane and moved to Darwin in 1984 to work as a lawyer. He is a proud Territorian, is married and has three sons. Life was great for the Wyvill family until

June 2015 when they lost their son Toby in a car crash on Lee Point Road. The loss of Toby has had a devastating affect on their family. Alistair shares his story in the hope of helping improve road safety, so other families do not have to go through what his family has.



Melissa McGuinness OAM

In 2012, Melissa's son, Jordan, caused the deaths of four other young people in a car crash in which he also died. He was speeding and under the

influence of alcohol and marijuana. In 2017, Melissa was invited by the Queensland Police Service to address a SAVE Day Road Safety event. Since then, YOU CHOOSE Youth Road Safety has been engaged by schools, councils, police and community organisations around Australia to uplift young people as advocates of changed driving behaviours. In 2025, Melissa was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the community, particularly in supporting youth.

Blake Wilson



By age 20 Blake was a licenced electrician, he was living the dream in Darwin, had a great job, a work car, he enjoyed boating, camping and motor bike riding. He was free and easy-going enjoying life. Until

one night 2 weeks before his 21st birthday riding home on his motor bike in Palmerston, a pedestrian walked out into the traffic. Blake hit the pedestrian and was thrown 12 metres from the motor bike. Blake has endured several operations in Darwin and Queensland with the long recovery still ongoing. Life as he knew it will never be the same. In the years since the accident Blake has remained positive and shares his story to help others.

*Just 'cause
you can
doesn't mean
you should*



TIPS TO BE A SAFE DRIVER

As an **L** Plater

- Get lots of practice on different roads, in different cars at different times of the day
- Ask your supervisor about their tips for driving and how they keep safe
- Before you go on a drive, work out what you need to practice with your supervisor.

As a **P** Plater

- Remember that even though you have passed the test – you are still a beginner driver
- Give yourself at least three seconds between you and the car in front
- Be extra careful at right hand turns (common cause of crashes).

As a supervising driver

- Ensure your learner has varied driving experiences on their L's
- Ask questions of your learner about what they are seeing and thinking as they drive
- Remember – even if you are a good driver, it doesn't mean you are a good teacher.

As the holder of an open license

- Remember the Fatal 5
- Give L and P Platers time and space on the road
- Share and respect the road – and everyone else on it.

WHAT IS ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION?

You won't know how to play the guitar after attending one concert and you won't be a champion soccer player after a single training session.

Road safety education is similar. Young people need to be exposed to road safety education consistently, and over many years, in order to develop positive road safety attitudes and behaviours.

Respected Swedish road safety researcher, Nils Petter Gregersen, uses a backpack analogy to explain how people learn the right set of road safety behaviours over a lifetime. He says that we all have a road safety backpack, in which we carry all the road safety information we've ever been exposed to.

When an individual learns something about road safety – whether by attending Street Smart High or watching a TV commercial – they make a choice as to where this information is stored in their

backpack. If it's really relevant they might put it in a big pocket and if it's less relevant they might choose a smaller pocket.

It's important for young people to fill their backpacks over a number of years. Street Smart High helps do just that – depositing relevant, interesting and relatable information into students' road safety backpacks and, in turn, helping to create safer Territorians.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Parents and caregivers play an important role in reducing the road toll. They are key to influencing the development of safe driver attitudes and actions.

Schools are encouraged to provide information to these groups to educate them and help them initiate important conversations with their children.

By engaging with parents and caregivers and encouraging them to play an active role in road safety, we can make a real difference.

Visit www.aant.com.au/street-smart-high for more information.

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your **licence?**

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CLASSROOM DISCUSSION AND SACE CAPABILITIES

We strongly encourage all schools to continue the road safety conversation. We hope that your students will have a range of questions about the information presented to them.

By taking part in Street Smart High, students will contribute to the following SACE Capabilities:

Capabilities	Organising elements	Possible contextual applications
Ethical understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding ethical concepts and issues • Reasoning in personal decision making • Exploring values, rights and responsibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social issues • Ethics • Beliefs • Right and wrong • Freedom
Critical and creative thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generating ideas, possibilities and actions • Reflecting on thinking, actions and processes • Analysing, synthesising and evaluating information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thought and reasoning • Accessing, organising and using information • Problem solving • Collaborative thinking
Personal and social capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-awareness • Self-management • Social awareness • Social management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal identity • Resilience, self-esteem, self-efficacy, wellbeing • Managing relationships • Decision-making • Family • Community • Social life • Shared rights and obligations

DRIVER FIRST-AID

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This FREE Course Covers:

- ✓ Checking and supporting airways
- ✓ Wounds and bleeding
- ✓ Treating broken bones
- ✓ Performing CPR

STUDENT WORKSHEET: CRASH SCENE



Andrew
Driver



Chris
Rear seat
passenger



Claire
Front seat
passenger



John
Motorcyclist



**Justine and
Adam**
First on the scene



**Emergency
Services**

1. Describe what you saw in the crash

2. Consider everyone involved in the crash scenario. How was each person affected by the crash?

3. How could this crash have been prevented?

4. What impact has the crash scene had on you? How will it influence your driving behaviour in the future?

5. Discuss how the following factors contributed to the crash:

Drivers decisions:

Speed:

Passengers:

Alcohol:

Mobile phone distraction:

SCHOOLS ATTENDING

BATCHELOR AREA SCHOOL - CASUARINA SENIOR COLLEGE - DARWIN HIGH SCHOOL

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE - HAILEYBURY RENDALL SCHOOL

HENBURY SCHOOL - JABIRU AREA SCHOOL - KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL

MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE - MARRARA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

NT SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION - O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

PALMERSTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - PALMERSTON SENIOR COLLEGE

SATTLER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - SEDA COLLEGE - TAMINMIN COLLEGE

TOP END SCHOOL OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING - ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE

THE ESSINGTON SCHOOL - YOUTHWORX NT

EXHIBITORS

AANT - CAREFLIGHT - CATHOLIC CARE NT - CDC NT - DARWIN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

DON'T MUCK WITH A TRUCK - DONATE LIFE - DRIVE SAFE NT - FLINDERS UNIVERSITY

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