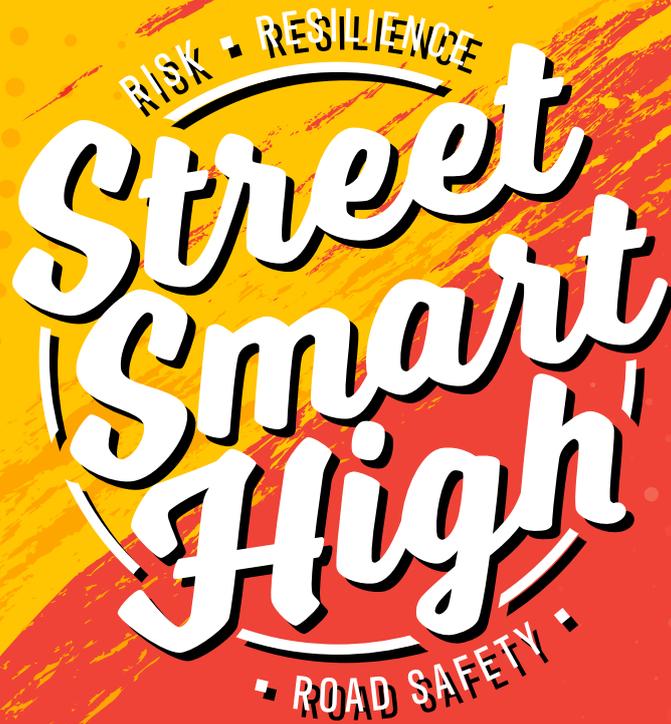


# 2026 PROGRAM



SHARING STORIES ABOUT RISK, RESILIENCE  
AND ROAD SAFETY SINCE 2021

Presented by





## Message From Simon Matthias

### AANT Chief Executive Officer

Every year, we are reminded that road safety in the Northern Territory is not just a statistic. It is personal. It affects families, friendships and entire communities.

For young people, learning to drive is a major milestone. It represents independence, opportunity and freedom. With that freedom comes responsibility. The decisions made in a split second, whether to speed, glance at a phone or skip a seatbelt, can have lifelong consequences.

That is why Street Smart High matters.

This program goes beyond road rules. It focuses on building awareness, shaping attitudes and giving young Territorians the confidence to make safer choices as both drivers and passengers. The stories you will hear today are real. They reflect the reality of road trauma, where young drivers continue to be overrepresented in serious crashes.

AANT is proud to deliver the Northern Territory's largest youth road safety education initiative, supported by our government and emergency services partners. Together, we are working toward one goal: reducing road trauma and creating a stronger road safety culture across the NT.

To all the students and teachers here today, thank you for being part of this important conversation. Listen carefully. Ask questions. Reflect on the role you play in keeping yourself and others safe.

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



## Message from Hon. Bill Yan

### Treasurer, Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure, and Housing and Construction

For many of you, learning to drive is a big step toward independence. But in the Northern Territory, getting behind the wheel also means stepping into a serious responsibility to yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road.

The reality is our roads can be unforgiving. NT drivers are around four times more likely to die in a crash than the national average, which is why the Northern Territory Government continues to focus on education, enforcement and safer roads to reduce trauma and save lives.

Programs like Street Smart High play a vital role in helping young people understand what safe driving really means. By seeing real-world scenarios, hearing real stories and learning from emergency services and industry professionals, you gain knowledge that could one day protect you or your mates.

Road safety isn't just about rules. It's about the choices you make every time you get behind the wheel. In the Territory, crashes are most often linked to the Fatal Five: speeding, drink or drug driving, distraction, not wearing a seatbelt, and fatigue. They're all avoidable, and they all have the potential to turn a moment's risk into a lifetime of consequences.

I encourage you to take this experience seriously, ask questions, and remember that every safe decision you make behind the wheel helps protect your future and the future of others on our roads.

## 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





## EVENT PROGRAM

**March 26th 2026**

<b>9:20am</b>	<b>Auditorium Doors Open</b>
<b>9:50am</b>	<b>Students and Guests to be seated</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Welcome</b> – Ben Haythorpe, Master of Ceremonies
<b>10:05am</b>	<b>Welcome Students</b> – Hon. Bill Yan, Minister for Logistics & Infrastructure
<b>10:10am</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – Eli Murn OAM
<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Crash Scene</b> – Narrated by Daryl Shaw, St John Ambulance
<b>10:50am</b>	<b>Donate Life Presentation</b> – Dr Paul Goidrick
<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – David & Janet Wilson
<b>11:10am</b>	<b>Driver Distraction Presentation</b> – Nicholas J Johnson
<b>11:25am</b>	<b>DriveSafe NT</b> – Alexia Hopipa-Wilson
<b>11:40am</b>	<b>Lunchbreak</b> Interactive displays in Hall 4 Staff room for teachers in Meeting room 3
<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>Students and Guests to be seated</b>
<b>12:35pm</b>	<b>Wheelchair Basketball</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – Melissa McGuinness OAM
<b>12:55pm</b>	<b>Car Safety Demonstration</b> – Edon Bell, AANT
<b>1:05pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – Blake Wilson
<b>1:15pm</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b> – Alistair Wyvill
<b>1:25pm</b>	<b>Elephants Don't Forget</b>
<b>1:40pm</b>	<b>Closing</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Students onto Buses</b>

**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.



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# 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?

*Your future is bright - get there safely*

## 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

## 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 DonatLife NT's medical director in late 2023.



### Eli Murn OAM

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.

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### Alexia Hopipa-Wilson

Alexia Hohipa Wilson is a passionate Territory leader with 35 years' experience in road safety, youth programs, community development, and emergency response. As Manager of DriveSafe NT, she works across the Territory, including remote communities, helping young drivers gain the skills, confidence, and support to get their licence safely and make smart choices on the road.



### 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.



### 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.



### 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

# FATAL CRASHES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

NT drivers are among the most at-risk in Australia

Territorians are around **four times** more likely to die on the road than the national average.

Fatal crashes by key contributors in the Northern Territory (multiple factors may be involved)



**41%** ALCOHOL-RELATED



**33%** NOT WEARING A SEATBELT



**30%** SPEED-RELATED



**7%** FATIGUE-RELATED

Over the past ten years, young people 25 years and under accounted for **one quarter (25%)** of all road fatalities and nearly **one-third (32%)** of serious injuries on Northern Territory roads.

Source: [www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au](http://www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au)

## 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](http://www.aant.com.au/street-smart-high) for more information.

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



## DRIVESAFE NT SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM

DriveSafe NT is a driver education training and licensing program for all motorists 16 years and older, in Darwin, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs.

As a DriveSafe NT participant, you will receive:

- education and training by qualified driving instructors and assessors
- more than \$600 in subsidies towards getting a driver licence.

To enrol, participants will need to attend a Motor Vehicle Registry office and pay the enrolment fee of \$110.

**Phone:** 1800 121 411  
**Email:** DriveSafe.NT@nt.gov.au  
**Website:** drivesafe.nt.gov.au



# STUDENT WORKSHEET: CRASH SCENE



**Andrew**  
Driver

1. Describe what you saw in the crash

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**Chris**  
Rear seat  
passenger

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

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**Claire**  
Front seat  
passenger

3. How could this crash have been prevented?

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

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**John**  
Motorcyclist

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

**Drivers decisions:**

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**Speed:**

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**Passengers:**

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**Alcohol:**

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**Mobile phone distraction:**

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**Justine and  
Adam**  
First on the scene



**Emergency  
Services**

## SCHOOLS ATTENDING

BATCHELOR AREA SCHOOL - CASUARINA SENIOR COLLEGE - CLONTARF FOUNDATION (TOP END)

DARWIN HIGH - DRIPSTONE SECONDARY COLLEGE - DRIVER SECONDARY SCHOOL

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN COLLEGE - HAILEYBURY RENDALL SCHOOL - HENBURY SCHOOL

JABIRU AREA SCHOOL - KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL - MACKILLOP CATHOLIC COLLEGE

MARRARA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - NIGHTCLIFF HIGH - NT SCHOOL OF DISTANCE EDUCATION

O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE - PALMERSTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

SANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL - SATTLER CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - SEDA

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE - TAMINMIN COLLEGE - THE ESSINGTON SCHOOL

TOP END SCHOOL OF FLEXIBLE LEARNING - YOUTHWORXNT

## EXHIBITORS

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

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY - DONATE LIFE - DRIVESAFE NT - FAMILY PLANNING WELFARE NT

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AFLNT - NICHOLAS J JOHNSON - NT CONSUMER AFFAIRS - NT FIRE & RESCUE

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