



11 February 2020

Re: Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program

Dear Parent/Carer

This year, students in Year 11 Pastoral Care Groups have engaged in a variety of activities designed to foster improved citizenship and responsible thinking. These activities have included studies of how best to transition from Year 10 to 11, goal setting, study skills, mental health and driver education.

Each year we enrol our Year 11 students to the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program (RYDA). This year's date is Thursday the 25th of June, Week 10 Term 2. This program is a national road safety education program that aims to reduce injury and death among young people as drivers on Australian Roads. This will complement the studies from earlier in the year on driver education. The feedback from our Year 11 students each year is, without exception, wonderful. The information and hands-on activities spark their interest and go a long way to ensuring our students understand how to drive carefully. As a school our motivation with having this program is to ensure our students do not become statistics.

On the day students will rotate between six sessions during their day that focus on:

- Stopping distances
- Hazard perception and distractions
- Alcohol, drugs, fatigue and driving
- The role of the police in accident prevention
- 'Crashes do happen' – tales of survivors
- 'My wheels' – what does a safe car look like

The testimonials from students and teachers from schools that have attended the RYDA program are extremely positive. If you wish to explore the program further you may access it at:

<http://www.rse.org.au/programs/ryda>

All of our Year 11 students are required to attend this program. Our Principal, Miss Walsh, at the end of last year wrote to the employers of all of our school based trainees so they know their trainees, on Thursday the 25th of June, will not be at work and why. The cost of the program has been included in your Student Resource Scheme payment made at the start of the year so no further individual payment is required. Students will be transported by coach to the venue at Clifford Park Race Track accompanied by Pastoral Care Teachers and Heads of Year. The coaches will depart at 8:55 am from South St and return before the close of the school day. Students are required to wear full formal uniform and bring a small bag with writing materials and food and drink (as no canteen facilities are provided).

The attached consent form is required to be returned to our Textbook Office by COB, **Friday 19th of June 2020**. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year if you have any queries regarding the program.

Mary-Anne Searle-Tebbit
Head of Year 11

Will Curthoys
Deputy Principal - Year 11

Maryanne Walsh
Principal

CONSENT FORM: RYDA

Activity Risks & Insurance

Please note that the Department of Education does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident while participating in the activity, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.

- I hereby give permission for my child to attend the excursion in the **Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Program on Thursday the 25th June at Toowoomba Turf Club** as per conditions of the letter attached and agree to delegate my authority to the teachers involved. Such teachers may take whatever disciplinary action they may deem necessary to ensure the safety, well-being and successful conduct of the students as a group, or individually, in the above-mentioned activity.
- I also authorise the teachers to obtain medical assistance which they deem necessary should an accident occur, and agree to pay all medical expenses incurred on behalf of the below student. With regard to an International student living in a homestay situation any medical costs will be covered by the student or natural parent.
- I have read all of the information contained in this form in relation to the activity (including any attached material) and I am aware that the Department of Education does not have personal accident insurance cover for students.
- I understand that if this excursion is an extra-curricular activity (sport, musical, debating etc) my child will not be able to participate if the Student Resource Scheme fees are not paid in full or a Pay by Instalment Plan is not in place.

RETURN TO TEXTBOOK OFFICE BY 19TH JUNE 2020

Student Name: _____ PCG: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Contact Details: _____

Additional Emergency Contact: _____

Medical conditions to be aware of: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____