

12 June 2024

## YEAR 10 RYDA ROAD AWARENESS PROGRAM

Dear Parents and Caregiver,

Charles Campbell College Year 10 Students have been given the opportunity to attend the award-winning RYDA Road Safety Education workshop. RYDA is designed for 15-17-year olds as they begin to drive or ride in cars driven by their peers. This workshop, which supports classroom learning as part of a broader program, provides students with the tools, habits and motivation to act and stay safe on our roads, throughout their lives as both drivers and passengers. Students do not need to have their license to take part in the workshop. This program is strongly recommended by the school and we hope that we have a high level of participation from our students.

This is the perfect time in student's lives to engage in this program as it addresses, in a real and practical way. The many dangers and challenges young people face on our roads. In small groups, students work with facilitators to develop and practise personalised strategies and life skills which will help them make positive choices, both as drivers and highly influential passengers. The workshop combines personal stories, demonstrations and interactive activities to ensure that students are engaged during the sessions.

Information regarding the RYDA excursion is detailed below:

**Date:** 27 August 2024

**Venue:** The ARC Campbelltown

**Time:** 8:45AM – 2:00PM

**Transport:** Students are to arrange their own transport and meet at The ARC at 8:45AM

**Cost:** None – this program is funded by the Rotary Club of Campbelltown

The RYDA flyer will give you details of the six interactive sessions students attend and RYDA's website has a number of resources and articles designed to support parents and caregivers.

On the day and what to bring...

- Students are to wear **complete school uniform**
- Students need to bring their own food and beverages (**morning tea and lunch**) as there is no food available to purchase on site.
- Students need to **bring a pen**.
- In one session, students will be outside requiring appropriate **clothing and/or accessories for weather**.
- RYDA uses techniques that aim to empower students through positive action. The workshop does not contain graphic images or seek to evoke emotions such as grief or fear. However, due to the nature of the topic, there is a chance that these emotions may be triggered if a student has had their own **experience with trauma**. If you have any concerns regarding your child's response to these topics, please advise us, so that we can provide the appropriate support on the day.
- **Photographs** may be taken at this event and used for promotional purposes on behalf of Road Safety Education Limited (the providers of RYDA). Please let us know if you would prefer your child was not photographed.

Details of the program can be found in the attached brochure or at <https://rse.org.au/>.

If parents/caregivers opt for their child not to attend, since this is designed to be a full cohort event, there will be no school based programs on offer for the day.

Yours sincerely,



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