The most effective approaches to road safety education involve a school wide approach that happens over time, is embedded in the school curriculum and reinforced by the classroom teacher. By integrating road safety into classroom learning, your students' RYDA day will have an even greater impact as they become active citizens with positive, socially connected road user identities.

The key principals to road safety education are common across all Australian governments. Here, the Queensland Department of Main Roads and Transport outline their approach which is indicative of other jurisdictions: Young driver education is a very complex area, and attempts should be made to integrate student driver education programs with explorations of related content such as personal and social values, risk taking, self-esteem and self-identity, how to deal with peer pressure, community cohesion and health protection. The aim of the student driver education program is to effectively deal with all of these contributors. The department supports programs that increase young people's awareness of the consequences of taking risks when driving a vehicle, how they can avoid those consequences, and how they can behave in ways which reduce risk.

## LINKS TO GOVERNMENT SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY CURRICULUM RESOURCES

supporting learning from early school years

(direct links to sites mentioned on this page, as well as other key resources, can be found on the RSE website rse.org.au/ryda/teacher):

WA: SDERA has a range of road safety education programs that target children and young people from birth to 18 years of age, and their parents and carers.

**ACT:** Road Ready is a pre-driver education course aimed at year 10 students leading to a small support program Road Ready Plus, which is aimed at the newly licensed driver on P-plates for 6 months or more.

roadready.act.gov.au/c/roadready

**NT:** It is important that teachers and other educators teach children about road safety to keep them safe on all Northern Territory roads

SA: DPTI have adopted principals of road safety education policies and practices and promote a whole school approach.

dpti.sa.gov.au/Way2Go/w2g\_ rationale\_and\_background/ principles\_of\_road\_safety\_ed

**TAS:** Road Risk Reduction supports Tasmanian schools and teachers implementing road safety education in upper secondary schools and colleges.

transport.tas.gov.au/roadsafety/ people/road risk reduction

QLD: TMR School road safety resources have been developed for teachers to develop students' knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviours as they become young drivers. The resources feature a number of units focusing on key topics.

**NSW:** On the move has been designed for use by teachers and students as part of class teaching and learning programs (includes Crossroads program).

VIC: TAC has a wide range of resources tac.vic.gov.au/ road-safety/ schools/school-resources#tse

## **BOOK YOUR PLACE EARLY FOR NEXT YEAR**

Timing is everything - pick a time that best fits your students' development and experience and supports curriculum learning back in the classroom. Contact your RYDA coordinator to find a time that will allow maximum impact.