

# **STEERING** the **FUTURE**

## High School Program

### OVERVIEW (YEARS 7–12)

Steering the Future (STF) delivers a high-impact road safety education program specifically designed for high school students, focusing on how to safely interact with heavy vehicles on the road. High school is the ideal time to deliver this message, as students are regular passengers and soon-to-be drivers, yet there is currently no content in the learner handbook that addresses how to safely share the road with heavy vehicles. As we often say, ‘you don’t know what you don’t know, but once you know better, you can do better.’ Our aim is to arm young people with practical, life-saving knowledge they can carry with them for life.



### DELIVERY

Each session includes a road safety presentation covering heavy vehicle awareness, blind spots, stopping distances, driver fatigue, distractions in cars, and the importance of visibility - lights on, be seen, be safe. Students also have the opportunity to sit up in the cab of a real prime mover to gain first-hand insight into what a truck driver can and cannot see, followed by discussion around the vital role transport plays in everyday life and the wide range of career opportunities within the industry.

A key component of the program is the use of myDRIVESCHOOL® pre-learner car driving simulators. These simulators are not driving lessons, but an educational tool that allows students to practise basic road use in a safe and controlled learning environment. Scenarios include stop signs, traffic lights, roundabouts, lane positioning, and responding to everyday hazards, helping students build awareness, decision-making skills, and confidence without the risks associated with real traffic.

**Sessions are delivered in groups of 20–25 students and run for approximately 45 minutes.** Steering the Future does not charge schools for the visit. We are a self-funded program supported by generous industry partners and sponsors, enabling us to deliver this critical message directly to young people. There is no more important message than a road safety message that could save a life – and high school is the perfect time to make it count.

Depending on the size of your school and student numbers, we may attend for one or multiple year groups. To attend your school, we require suitable access for a prime mover and 45-foot pantech trailer. Once set up, the trailer covers an area approximately 25 metres in length and 8 metres in width. Access to power is preferred but not essential.

***If you would like Steering the Future to attend your school, or to discuss this further, please feel free to contact Collette Forsyth on 0457 448 061.***

*Attached is a permission form for parents, should this assist with your planning.*

**“ We love what we do, and we would love the opportunity to provide education for your students on safely sharing the road with heavy vehicles while giving them an experience they won’t forget. ”**