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YEAR 10 DENILIQUN HIGH SCHOOL DRIVER EDUCATION WEEK

Dear Parent,

The PDHPE Faculty, in conjunction with the Driver Education Subcommittee of the P&C, have organised a one week intensive Driver Education Program for your child. This will take place in Week 8 of this term, from Monday 3rd – Friday 7th December. Students will not attend regular classes (apart from Roll Call each day and sport on Wednesday afternoon) during this week. Students should be in full school uniform (either normal summer uniform or PE uniform – ***please note that dresses or skirts are unsuitable for most sessions!***) and are to attend Roll Call in their normal room each morning and then assemble in the amphitheatre.

The attached schedule outlines what activities each group will be doing.
Some of the sessions include;

- **Mental Health & Wellbeing:** students will attend a session with our School Counsellor, Mrs Bond, and learn about mental health issues and how to support and seek assistance for a friend who is having a mental health crisis.
- **Around Town:** Students will follow the chain of command that would occur in the event of a road accident, from insurance agency & hospital, to the police station and then the court. At each place, students will learn what part this agency plays in processing a road accident.
- **Deniliquin Car Club:** practical sessions on improving your driving skills at the Deniliquin Car Club.
- **Mock Accident:** students will witness our emergency services in action as they respond to a mock accident and remove and treat victims trapped in a car following a collision.
- **Guest Speaker:** Mr John Maher is an inspiring speaker whose life has been impacted by road trauma. He will recount the events leading up to these events and the effect this has had on his life.
- **ATA Truck:** this group travels from Northern Australia each year to be a part of our program. The truck is fitted with interactive activities to raise the student's awareness of scenarios they may encounter on the roads when driving.
- **Court Magistrate:** our local magistrate will address the students to make clear to them their responsibilities when driving. There will be opportunities for students to ask questions concerning licensing, driving laws, etc.

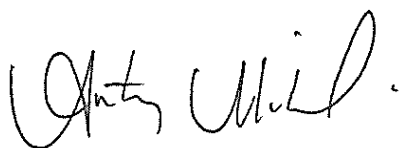
The Program would usually cost each student in excess of \$150, but thanks to generous donations from a wide variety of community organisations, this has been considerably subsidised to only \$30. We feel that this is such an important initiative that we have additional funding available if you cannot manage to find the money at this time. Please contact me at the school to discuss this option if necessary.

Parents are more than welcome to visit any of the sessions. In particular, our guest speaker John Maher will be conducting a session for parents and community members in the MPC on Wednesday 5th December. It would be great if you could attend.

A great deal of time and community effort has gone into organising this event and your support by ensuring that your child attends would be appreciated. In addition, every student who completes the one week program will be eligible for a FREE 1 hr driving lesson with local instructor, Brian Purtill. This lesson is funded by the P&C.

Thank you to the dedicated Driver Education Sub-Committee and the many generous community organisations that have contributed to this most worthwhile program. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please return the enclosed permission note, along with \$30 to the Front Office by Monday 3 December.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Michael'.

Mr Anthony Michael
Head Teacher PDHPE,
on behalf of the PDHPE Faculty and the Driver Education P&C Sub-committee.