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AANT and RAA partner to bring road safety to the NT

A successful South Australian road safety initiative, “Street Smart Primary” will expand into the Northern Territory, thanks to an international road safety grant.

The sister club to the AANT in South Australia, RAA has successfully bid for a 5000 Euro grant to extend their Street Smart Primary program into remote South Australia and the Northern Territory. The AANT will assist in facilitating and supporting this program at selected schools in Alice Springs and Darwin.

Street Smart Primary was established as a joint road safety initiative between the RAA and the SA Motor Accident Commission in 2014, with the aim of teaching the next generation of drivers to be safe in the road environment.

“Street Smart Primary is all about helping teachers to provide interactive and age appropriate road safety lessons in their classroom via the help of a teacher mentor,” said RAA Senior Manager Community Education Ben Haythorpe

“The lessons look at pedestrian, passenger and cycling safety for students from Transition, through to Year 7.”

The first stop on this outback tour starts this week in Alice Springs, before heading to remote SA and then visiting Darwin later in terms three and four.

AANT Manager Operations & Technical Services, Edon Bell said opportunities to partner with national peers and bring programs of this nature to the Territory is important to develop road safety education.

“It is crucial to provide young people with the knowledge, skills and understanding needed to survive on our roads,” said Mr Bell. “Schools will also be asked to commit to the FIA Save Kids’ Lives campaign by signing a pledge poster.”

“The Northern Territory has road death rates that are the worst per capita in the nation – 15.4 people per 100,000 against national average of 4.8. The AANT sees education as a critical factor in changing this statistic”.

Street Smart Primary is offered as a community service that’s delivered free of charge.

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