Students Learn Road Safety Skills

Darwin school students will be able to put road safety theory into practice following the opening of the Road Safety Centre in Parap today.

Minister for Transport Gerry McCarthy said the centre will improve safety and allow our children to learn hands on about road safety in a safe controlled environment.

“Parap has specialised paths and simulated activities to present real life scenarios to participants especially in relation to bicycle road skills,” said Mr McCarthy.

“Road safety is so important especially to our children who often walk or ride to school and due to age often have a lack of skills and poor judgement.

“It has taken a considerable effort with repairs to reopen the centre and I would like to thank all those involved.

“The centre is a part of a curriculum project with the Education Department and complementary materials for use in schools for ages 4-8 will be available later this year.

“It is fantastic to see the NT Government work with community based organisations on this project.

“I would like to acknowledge the Lions Club Nightcliff who has sponsored the replacement of helmets and repairs to bicycles.

“Local business, Norsign has assisted in the replacement of signage around the facility.

“The NT Fire Services and Correctional Services has serviced bicycles, carried out repairs to the centre and landscaped the yard.

“The sessions at the centre will be conducted by dedicated Road Safety officers, who in February this year completed a nationally recognised bike education program.”

The refreshed Parap Road Safety Centre will reopen after a taskforce review into road safety education and the Northern Territory Government will provide $50 000 in funding annually to the centre.

Currently there are already 150 students booked into the first two weeks of scheduled sessions.

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