

Road Awareness Program comes to Roxby Downs!

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In week 3 of term 2, we attended the Road Awareness Program (RAP) while on a school camp. The Road Awareness Program was hosted by the Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS). The program went for 90 minutes but the information we learnt was worth a lifetime.

The speaker, nicknamed Rocket, was truly inspirational in showing us how to avoid crashes by playing us real life videos. The crashes in the videos were either self-caused or by a different driver, although these people aren't the only ones affected. He taught us how to use our commonsense while on the road and how to avoid scary situations.

We think that the Road Awareness Program would be greatly beneficial to the youth and adults in Roxby Downs. Having this program would make people more aware of being a driver, passenger and pedestrian in our town. Recently there have been many crashes in Roxby Downs and we believe this can be prevented. The crashes are caused due to distractions and being careless on the roads. The Road Awareness Program can help people realise that a little distraction can cause a lifetime of grief.

The presentation we watched took place in a small sized classroom which made it all the more intense. Eli Murn, a guest speaker, continued to make us aware of the dangers of the road and how he has learnt it the hard way. He shared with us his life experiences and we have all learnt how to stay safer on the roads from his story. Eli made a few bad decisions on the road which he will live with for the rest of his life.

Eli and Rocket were amazing, and all of the student's views were changed about Road Safety. The year 10 students have



decided that they will make an effort to get the Road Awareness Program to come to Roxby Downs. We all feel very passionate about the program and want the rest of the community to become aware of the dangers of the road and how to easily avoid them. A quote that Rocket made has stuck in all our minds:

"A crash is something that can be prevented, an accident cannot."

Most of the incidents that the MFS attend to are crashes, and he is very determined to stop the trauma they cause to both the victims, emergency personnel and our community.

At this stage we have tentatively booked Eli and Rocket to present in Roxby Downs on Wednesday the 11th of August. We will be contacting local businesses and groups soon to ask for their support in getting such an important message out to our community, and hope that people will be able to spare 90 minutes for a presentation that is certain to change your perspective on how you use our roads.