

Monday, 10 February 2020

**The Yellow Ribbon**  
a commitment to road safety



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Papakura High School Year 12 students have been given the opportunity to attend the award-winning one-day RYDA Road Safety Education Programme. RYDA is designed for 15-17-year-olds as they begin to drive or ride in cars driven by their peers. This Programme challenges students to change the way they think about road safety and lay the foundation for safe road use throughout their lives.

This programme focuses on cognition development, building an increasing social competency and resilience, and motivating low-risk behaviour. Facilitators work with students to develop and practise personalised strategies and life skills which help them respond positively to challenges on the road, both as drivers and highly influential passengers. It does not teach technical driving skills.

Information regarding the one-day RYDA excursion is detailed below;

**Date:** Thursday, 20th February 2020  
**Venue:** Bruce Pulman Park  
**Time:** Depart from school 9.10am  
Return to school 2.30pm  
**Cost:** \$5 (including transport and RYDA Programme)  
**Food:** Bring lunch with you for the day.  
**Dress:** Students are to wear complete school uniform

RYDA delivers six interactive sessions aimed at exploring crucial aspects of travelling safely, combining the efforts of local road safety experts/educators and recovering survivors of road crashes. There is an activity booklet to be completed on the day requiring the use of a pen.

In one session, students will be outside requiring appropriate clothing and or accessories for the weather. Students will also watch a 10-minute video about a fatal car crash. Any student who is not comfortable to watch the video will be invited to leave the room whilst the video plays.

Papakura Rotary Club and COGS Papakura/Franklin along with our national partners have subsidised this event for the school (normal cost \$49 per student)

Details of the programme can be found at [www.rse.org.nz](http://www.rse.org.nz). Please note: Photographers may be present at this event, capturing images for promotional purposes on behalf of Road Safety Education. Please let us know if you would prefer your child was not photographed.

Yours faithfully

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