

SOCIAL NARRATIVE











Before I go to the Road Safety Centre, I can visit the SA Police website to watch some videos or do some activities about road safety at <u>SAPOL - Road safety</u> resources (police.sa.gov.au)

The South Australia Police Road Safety Centre is located in Bonython Park in Adelaide.

I may catch a school bus, a tram or train or walk to the Road Safety Centre with my class and teacher.

When I get there, I will walk through the mock roadway. On the roadway there are lots of road signs, pedestrian crossings and traffic lights. There won't be cars, trucks, trains or buses because it is not a real roadway.

I will then walk through the black gates to the Road Safety Centre.





There will be bikes lined up that I will get to use after I have learnt about road safety in the classroom.

I will then meet a police officer who is going to teach me about road safety. The police officer will give me some safety instructions and I will stand and listen to them before I go inside.

If I have my bag with me I will be asked to place it in the lockers under the shelter, it will be safe there while I learn about road safety. I can eat and drink outside with my class at the end of my visit.

When I go into the Road Safety Centre, there are many things to look at. There will be screens with road safety information and I can look at them as I walk along the road into the classroom.





There are toilets inside and a water fountain where I can fill up my drink bottle if I need too.

When I go into the classroom, I will sit on the floor and listen to the road safety information.

The police officer will talk to me and I will get to watch some videos. The videos will feature Jeff the Road Safety Dog. Sometimes Jeff the Road Safety Dog makes a special appearance at the Centre so I might get to see him.

The police officer may ask the students to yell out 'road safety rules' when each of the video's finish, this may be loud.





My teacher might have some tools like headphones or fidgets to help me feel calm. If they do not have any with them the police officer will have some that I can use.

I will then go for a walk on the roadway with the police officer and my class. The police officer will teach me about the road signs on the roadway and how to cross the road safely.

The police officer will then take me back inside and I will learn some more about road safety and watch some more videos.





I will then be given some safety information before I get to ride on one of the bikes.

It is important to listen to this information so I can ride a bike safely.

I will then need to wait in line so that I can get a bike helmet. Someone will help me to make sure that the helmet is fitted correctly so it is safe. This might be a police officer, a police volunteer, my teacher or a parent.

I will then get to pick a bike that I would like to ride. It is important that I pick the right bike for my riding ability. Some bikes at the Road Safety Centre are small, some are big, some have three wheels, some training wheels and some have two wheels. There will be a bike that I can ride there.





I will then get to ride the bike on the roadway. It is important that I look out for the road signs, obey the road rules and practice the things that I have learnt in the road safety classroom.

While I am riding on the roadway, I will hear the police officer talking to the students over a PA system, this system has speakers on the track so it may be loud.

I might also hear some train crossing sirens. These might come on from time to time and if I am near the railway crossing on the roadway, I will have to stop behind the white line and wait for the sirens to stop before I can cross.

If I get tired of riding my bike around the roadway, I can put my bike back next to the shed and walk around the track as a pedestrian. This means I can cross the track at all of the different pedestrian crossings that I have learnt about in the classroom.





If it is raining the police officer will decide if it is safe to ride my bike so I don't get hurt.

When the police officer says, it is time to go back into the classroom I will ride my bike to the black gates, then walk with my bike, and place it against the side of the building.

I can then take my helmet off and put it on the table. A police officer or police volunteer will then clean all of the helmets and bikes so they are ready for another class to use.

The police officer will ask me to go back into the classroom to watch some more road safety videos.





At the end the police officer will give the teacher some road safety things for my class, which the teacher will give me when I get back to school.

The police officer will give the teacher a Jeff the Road Safety Dog that I can use in the classroom to remember my visit to the Road Safety Centre and the lessons I have learnt.

I will say goodbye to the police officer and go outside with my teacher and class. We might take a class photo together at the Road Safety Centre.

I will get my bag and have a drink or some food.

I will then catch the bus, tram or walk back to school with my teacher and class.

People usually have fun at the Road Safety Centre and learn lots of useful information, and I might too.



