

MEDIA RELEASE

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PCYC (Police Citizens Youth Clubs) NSW Launch Fully Funded Driver Education Program for Young P-Platers

PCYC NSW in partnership with Transport for NSW is proud to announce the launch of a fully funded driver education program for 100 Provisional P1 and P2 drivers. The program is part of the online Traffic Offenders Intervention Program (TOIP) and aims to provide easy and affordable access to in-depth and engaging driver education to novice drivers who have committed a traffic offense.

To be eligible for the program, participants must be between the ages of 17 and 25 years old and hold a P1 Red or P2 Green provisional driver's license. The online TOIP driver education course will be delivered via Zoom as a 12-hour interactive program led by highly qualified presenters in a real-time virtual classroom setting.

Novice drivers are most vulnerable to crashes during their first year of unsupervised driving. Despite accounting for just 15% of all license holders, they contribute to almost 25% of annual road fatalities. Therefore, the demand for accessible and subsidized driver education for young P-platers, as an early intervention when they commit a traffic offense, is increasingly evident.

PCYC NSW's program offers affordable and convenient access to comprehensive driver education precisely at a time when young people need it the most - after they have committed a driving offense. This is vital to enable them to take responsibility for their actions and make safer decisions while driving in the future.

TOIP presenters provide factual and real-life experiences that address the life changing effects of the impact of illegal and risky driving behaviours.

One of the P-Plate participants who attended the PCYC TOIP said, "After everything that was said and shown over the course, I have learned more rules and regulations than they teach you in your driving tests. You should be doing these courses before you get your red P-plates, that way people can learn as much as we all did."

PCYC TOIP are an approved Work and Development Order Sponsor, participants who fit the criteria eligible for up to \$600 rebate off their fines, whilst receiving the most comprehensive Traffic Offender Intervention education program available, with a focus on transforming the attitudes and driving behaviors of participants, resulting in a powerful and life-changing impact.



For more information about the PCYC Traffic Offenders Intervention Program TOIP - Driver Education course, please visit www.pcyctrfficoffenders.org.au or call 0482186246 or email mwheeler@pcycnsw.org.au.

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