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ROAD SAFETY IN MIDDLE SCHOOLS – IT'S *YOUR TURN*

The State Government is helping South Australian middle school students learn more about making the right choices on our roads with the release this month of the 2010 edition of the *Your Turn* teacher resource.

Road Safety Minister, Jack Snelling says the *Your Turn* resource is a great way to get students in Years 8 and 9 talking about road safety before they get behind the wheel.

“Young people aged 16 to 19 make up 6 per cent of the population, but account for 12 per cent of fatalities and 15 per cent of serious injuries in South Australia each year. We hope resources like *Your Turn* will help to influence a downward trend in those statistics,” Mr Snelling said.

“Year 8 and 9 students are just starting to become aware of the dangers of the road and the responsibilities they have as road users, whether it’s as pedestrians, cyclists, skateboarders or as future drivers.

“The new edition of the *Your Turn* teacher resource provides current and relevant teaching and learning activities for high schools.

“It highlights the State Government’s commitment to road safety by teaching young people about road safety, good decision making and the consequences of their driver behaviour.

“*Your Turn* also looks at the factors that influence decision making, such as attitudes, values, risks, distractions and consequences - and it highlights the importance and power of personal responsibility on our roads,” Mr Snelling said.

“Students are encouraged to use critical thought, research and investigation in understanding road safety issues through the use of this teacher resource, and how they can apply these factors on the roads.

“The *Your Turn* resource comprises five units, which also investigate the factors specific to road user groups, including being a passenger in a private vehicle or on public transport, a bike rider, and a pedestrian.”

“A *Your Turn* webpage – http://www.dtei.sa.gov.au/roadsafety/community_education/your_turn - has been developed, featuring supporting resources and links to current curriculum to assist teachers,” Mr Snelling said.