

NEW ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION STORYBOOKS AND FREE APPS

VicRoads has developed two new road safety education storybooks for children aged four to eight years, written by renowned Australian author Danny Katz and beautifully illustrated by Mitch Vane.

The engaging storybooks promote walking to school safely and the importance of child restraints and booster seats.

- *That's the Sound the Street Makes* follows the story of Ella on her journey to school with her sniffing Dad as she reminds him how to be a responsible and safe pedestrian.
- *Click Clack* follows the story of a group of children, whose imaginations transform their booster seats/child restraints into rocket ships, roller coasters, camels and thrones.

The storybooks are available for purchase at \$7 each and can be ordered from the Victorian Government Bookshop on 1300 366 356 or at bookshop.vic.gov.au

Early childhood educators who participate in a Starting Out Safely early childhood road safety education professional development session will receive a complimentary copy of one of the new books. To register your interest in a session, please contact ELAA at rse@elaa.org.au

Free apps

In a first for road safety in Australia, VicRoads has brought the two storybooks to life by releasing them as interactive mobile and tablet apps for Apple and Android devices. Download for free at iTunes and Google Play (search for VicRoads).

The apps add narration and bring the characters to life with sounds and animation. The tablet versions have bonus games to further learning about road safety.

More information

For more information about the new storybooks and supporting apps, please visit roadsafetyeducation.vic.gov.au, Victoria's 'one stop shop' for road safety education, information and resources.

Road safety education play mat

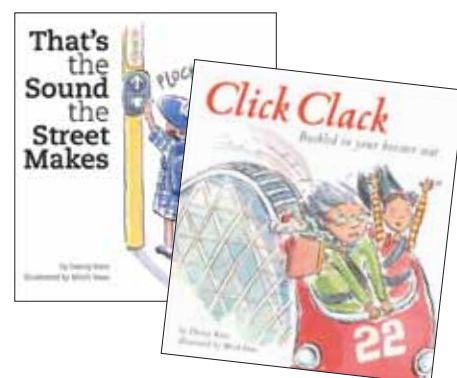
Looking for an educational birthday present?

Measuring 1.2m X 80cm, the vinyl, water resistant road safety education play mat depicts a Victorian street scene and a variety of features children experience in their everyday environment. The play mat encourages conversation and learning about road safety education, enhancing children's road understanding and knowledge. The play mats are available for \$20 from the Victorian Government Bookshop at bookshop.vic.gov.au.

Road safety education web portal

The road safety education website is a 'one stop shop' for early childhood educators, school teachers, parents and carers interested in road safety education.

The website links to road safety education information, curriculum resources/programs,



research and professional development opportunities. There is also a section for parents and carers with practical advice and useful links for supporting their children's safety in the road environment.

Subscribe today to keep informed about upcoming road safety education events, professional development opportunities and new resources.

