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## SAFETY TRUCK GOES BACK TO SCHOOL

The Australian Trucking Association's travelling road safety exhibition, the Safety Truck, is heading back to school to bring road safety messages to students in outer Brisbane this week, before opening to the public at Taree this weekend.

**The Safety Truck will be at the Redbank Plains State High School on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 May, and then at the Mt Cotton Primary School on Thursday 26 May.**

**The Safety Truck will then open to the public at the Taree Volunteer Rescue Association Weekend on Wheels at the Jack Neal Oval, Taree on Sunday 29 May.**

The Chief Executive Officer of the ATA, Christopher Melham, said road safety was an essential message for people to learn at any age.

"We know that many young L and P plate drivers have trouble the first time they need to overtake a heavy vehicle, or may unknowingly cause a dangerous situation on the road if they cut in front of a truck," Mr Melham said.

"By taking these students through the Safety Truck while they are still learning, they receive essential safety tips to help them out on the road before these situations arise.

"For younger students, the Safety Truck is often the first truck they've really seen up close. It's a great gateway for them to start learning about different types of transport, and an engaging way to explain important safety tips for their age group.

"These tips include making sure the truck driver has seen you before walking around or in front of a truck, as well as making students aware of the potential danger of texting or playing with a smart phone while walking next to the road.

"It's always a privilege to take the Safety Truck to school, and we'd like to thank Redbank Plains State High School and Mt Cotton Primary School for inviting us to come and share our road safety message.

"Safety is the ATA's first priority. That's why the ATA is calling on political parties and candidates in this election campaign to support practical measures to improve road safety, and help get everyone home safe at the end of the day.

"The trucking industry's safety outcomes are improving dramatically – we know the rate of fatal crashes involving articulated trucks has fallen by 80 per cent since 1982. We hope the ongoing work of the Safety Truck will help see that number continue to fall."

The Safety Truck travels around Australia visiting festivals, shows and other community events. For more information or to request a Safety Truck visit, go to [www.safetytruck.com.au](http://www.safetytruck.com.au).

**For updates about the trucking industry's key election issues, sign up for the ATA's [weekly newsletter](#).**

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