

# Passport to Safety

**Pilot Project in South Australian Schools** 

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# Setting the Scene



- National OHS Strategy 2002-2012
  - National OHS Education and Skill Development Action Plan (K-Y12) 2004-2012
- OHS Strategic Framework for SA
  - OHS Skills Development Strategy for SA
    - Education Program
    - Safe Communities Program
      - Passport to Safety Pilot Project

#### Australian Safe Communities Foundation Inc.



- Vision Together we are dedicated to making Australia the safest country in the world in which to live, learn, work, travel and play - one community at a time
- Partnership with Safe Communities Foundation (Canada) to deliver Passport to Safety in Australia

# Passport to Safety Pilot Project



- Convenor Janet Giles (SA Unions)
- Working Group Representatives
  - Australian Safe Communities Foundation Inc.
  - Business SA
  - DFEEST Traineeship & Apprenticeship Services
  - Minister's Youth Council
  - Dept of Education and Children's Services
  - Office of Minister Stephanie Key
  - Office for Youth
  - SA Unions
  - SafeWork SA DAIS
  - Senior Secondary Assessment Board of SA
  - WorkCover Corporation

What is it?



# **Passport to Safety** Australia







You've got a **Passport to Safety** PIN and Password...

What's Next?

SIGN-IN to Your ACCOUNT

PIN#:

PASS:

forgot your password? click here



Remember that your employer must always provide job-specific safety training!







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# Passport to Safety is



- An OHS learning and test program
- the minimum workplace safety information that any young person should know before ever going to work

the same workplace safety information needed by any worker

# Passport to Safety is NOT



- a substitute or replacement for employer responsibility to induct workers
- a replacement or competition for other workplace safety programs
- a "certification" that a worker is now "safe"



#### How it works

- Students receive a personal log-on (Pin) and password
- Work through the 6 modules at own pace
  - Employer Responsibilities
  - Worker Rights & Responsibilities
  - Hazardous Substances Information System (HSIS)
  - The five hazards (Physical, Ergonomic, Chemical, Psychosocial, Biological)
  - Combined Unit 1 (Health & Safety is Part of Work, Workplace Injuries, Protecting Yourself)
  - Combined Unit 2 (Understanding and Controlling Hazards, Personal Protective Equipment, Emergency Procedures)





## Why? Half the Age – Twice the Risk

- School age children are twice as likely to be injured in the workplace as other workers
- High Risk industries
  - Food retail
  - Construction
  - Accommodation, cafes, restaurants
  - Agriculture

Source: Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit



# Why? Half the Age – Twice the Risk

- Young people unlikely to question a task even if they consider it unsafe
- Uninformed about their rights and entitlements
- Concerned about job security if they exercise their rights

Source: Dirt Cheap and Disposable, SA Unions



# Why? Half the Age – Twice the Risk

- 46% of young workers suffered an injury or illness at work
  - 24% of these said they did not report this to the workplace
- 35% had experienced workplace bullying or violence
  - 68% of these had not reported it

Source: Job Watch Survey, Melbourne 2004



# Why a Pilot Project?

- Demonstrate the value to teachers, students and employers
- Engage partners for ongoing support
- Evaluate for learning and planning for the future

#### Success in Ontario



- Between 1999/2000 to 2003/2004 injuries were reduced for young workers
  - 80% In fatal injuries for workers >20 years old
  - 24% ↓ in lost time injuries for workers >20 years old
  - 12% 

     in total injuries reported better than anticipated considering program focuses on increased awareness
  - Ministry of Education workers compensation premiums for students cut in half and surcharges eliminated



#### Success in Ontario

- Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) Ontario recognises Passport to Safety as a desired minimum standard for young people before they go to work
- WSIB is funding 150,000 secondary students to access Passport to Safety in 2005

# Schools

#### Schools involved in the Pilot



Sample of Schools in the Pilot:

#### **Metropolitan**

Adelaide High School
Lefevre High School
Reynella East High School
St Aloysius College

Christian Brothers College Modbury High School Seaview High School Wirreanda High School

#### **Regional**

Eastern Fleurieu School Edward John Eyre High School Victor Harbor High School Balaklava High School Nuriootpa High School Yankalilla Area School



# Subjects in the Pilot

Year 9	<u>Year 10</u>
Work Experience	Religion – work experience
	Society and Environment
	Work and Life Education
	Work Education
<u>Year 11</u>	<u>Year 12</u>
Australian Studies	Pre Industry
Community Studies	Vocational Studies
CNC Machining	Work and Community
Pre Industry	Work Studies
Society and Environment	
Work and Community	
Work Education	

#### **Evaluation**

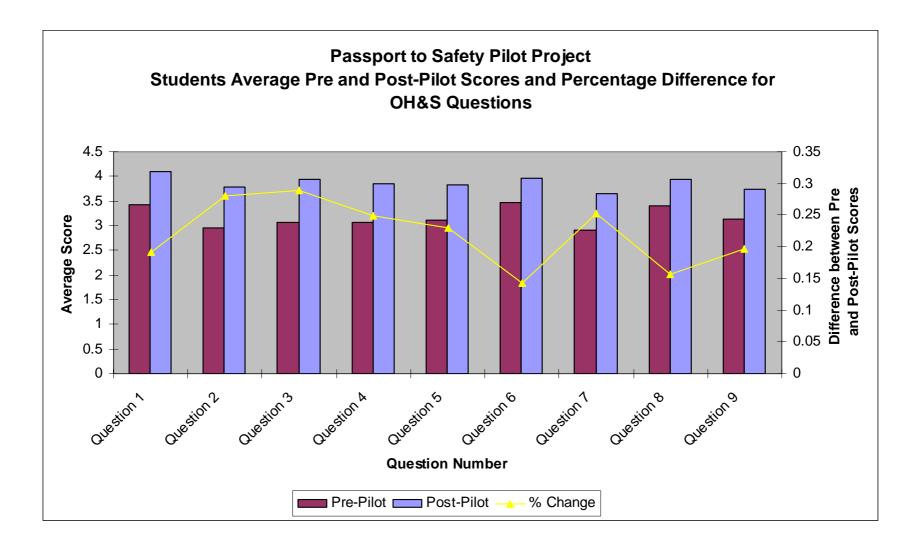


- Pre and post Pilot surveys for teachers and students
- Online feedback on website
- DECS data on injuries suffered during work experience

# Interim Survey Results

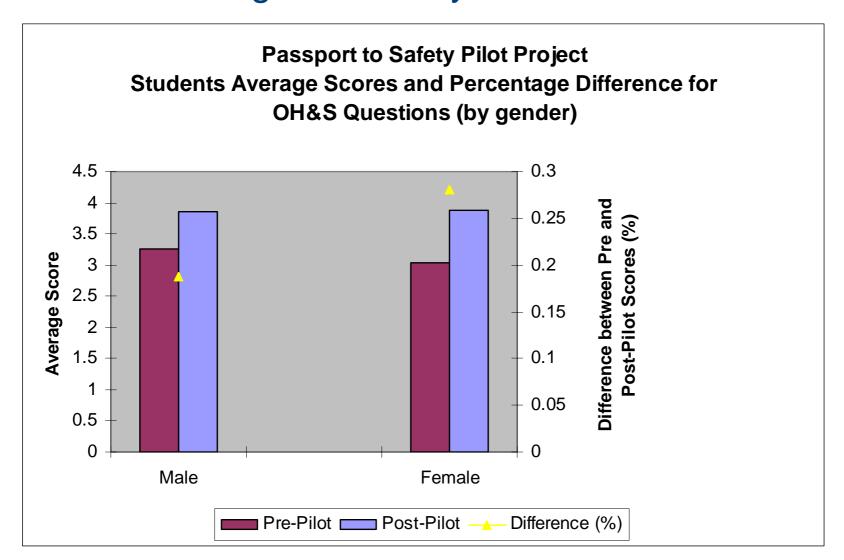


## Students Average Score Difference



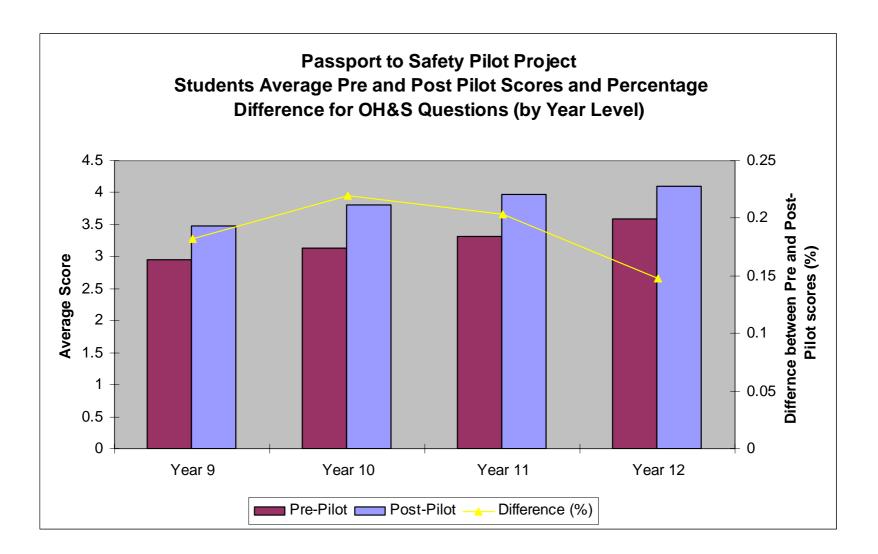


## Students Average Scores by Gender



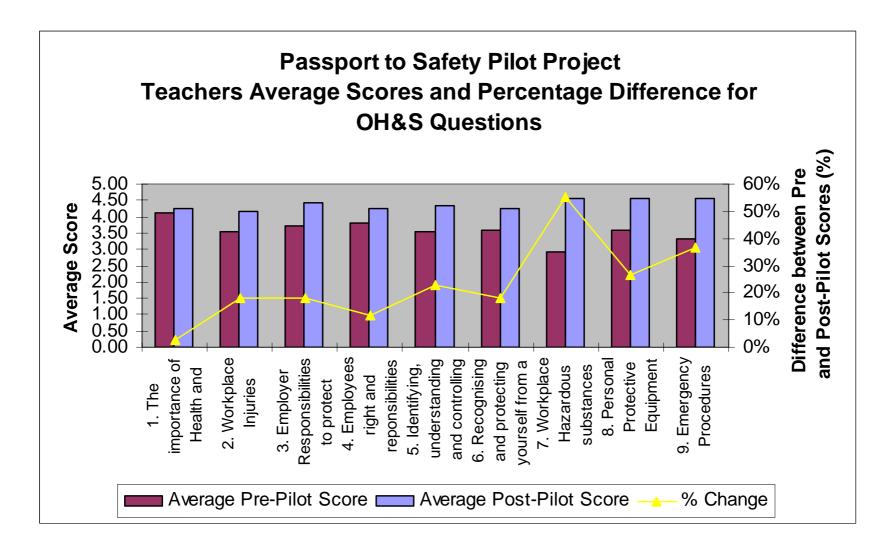


## Students Average Score by Year Level





## Teachers average score difference



# Survey Results



#### The P2S Program was useful

Students	<b>Teachers</b>
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	Total	%		Total	%
Strongly Agree	67	16%	Strongly Agree	4	31%
Agree	233	54%	Agree	6	46%
Neutral	102	24%	Neutral	0	0%
Disagree	17	4%	Disagree	0	0%
Strongly Disagree	9	2%	Strongly Disagree	0	0%
No answer	4	1%	No answer	3	23%

# Survey Results - Students



Knowledge from the P2S Program will help me in the future

**Everyone in Year 10-12 should complete the P2S program** 

**Students** 

#### **Students**

	Total	%		Total	%
Strongly Agree	67	16%	Strongly Agree	80	19%
Agree	233	54%	Agree	188	44%
Neutral	102	24%	Neutral	134	31%
Disagree	17	4%	Disagree	20	5%
Strongly Disagree	9	2%	Strongly Disagree	6	1%
No answer	4	1%	No answer	4	1%

#### Comments from Students



- I think it would be good if everyone completes this program so that all people are aware of their safety and the safety of others (Year 10)
- The site contained a lot of information and broadened my knowledge on Occupational Health & Safety (Year 10)
- I think the P2S program was very useful and helped me understand the importance of safety in the work place (Year 10)
- This is a worthwhile program which gives relevant information to help you when you go out into the work force (Year 11)
- I thought that this was a useful website and it is practical for Yr 10 12 students (Year 11)

Where to from here?

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- Second group of pilot project to undertake program in 2006
  - A small pilot is underway in Mackay, Queensland, led by Dr Dale Hanson, Emergency Physician, Mackay Base Hospital
- Final report to project partners
- Ongoing maintenance and development of website

Partners/sponsors identified

# Questions?

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