

## Student Action Teams

### Examples of the work of Student Action Teams across Victoria:

- researched traffic conditions around a school and organised a community seminar on road safety
- built an environmental walk and running track for safe student and community use
- developed and made recommendations to the local shire to improve community safety in dangerous streets (improved street lighting, additional speed humps, more public telephones) resulting in reduced incidents of crime
- developed and created a road safety awareness mosaic within school grounds working with a community artist.



### Want to know more?

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Student Action Teams support active, student-centred approaches to learning. Through Student Action Teams groups of students tackle school and community-based issues. They also engage students by providing alternative ways of learning and alternative paths to success.

### **Student Action Teams allow students to:**

- decide what are important community or school issues
- take action to achieve valuable outcomes for the community or school
- learn through appropriate school-community contexts.

### **The role of a Student Action Team is to:**

- research a community or school issue
- make plans and proposals to address the issue
- take action to achieve goals.

### **The benefits for students of a Student Action Team are building a sense of:**

- meaning about learning
- control over themselves and their environment
- belonging with peers, family and the community.

### **Student Action Teams help students develop the following skills:**

- self-confidence
- self-discipline
- commitment
- initiative
- responsibility
- negotiation
- organisation
- communication
- active listening

Formation of a Student Action Team is based on identification of a school-community based issue that needs addressing, and/or a need to increase student participation at school.

### **Membership of a Student Action Team should consist of:**

- a small group of students (4–10) from mixed or the same year level
- support teacher(s)
- community-based workers.