CHARLTON TRAFFIC SAFETY EDUCATION CENTRE

The complex offers a variety of programs:
- 1 day short course
- 2 day program
- 3 or 4 day program
- Night driving programs are part of the course if desired

The core program is targeted at Year 10 students, most who are pre learner drivers (L’s)
The other main program caters for VCAL students and Year 11 students, most who have their L’s. Some schools also send their year 9 students.

From 2002 through to 2016 between 650 to 1000 students each year have undertaken pre-driver training at Charlton.
Some background information

The track is 1.7 km, 700m sealed and the rest gravel. It features operating traffic lights, pedestrian crossing, hill crest, roundabout and parking bays.

Four vehicles are used for the program - 2 are manual sedans and 2 are automatic sedans

The program will be running again in 2017 and we continue to seek Government funding for the centre. The new Victorian Government has announced that it intends to mandate Driver Education for Year 10 students, trialing a program in the second half of 2017 and being fully implemented in 2018. We are currently working with the Minister in conjunction with METEC (Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre) to develop the implementation of the policy.

In-car skills

Depending on the length of the program the following skills can be covered:-

- Cabin Drill, moving off, Steering, Braking
- Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation
- U Turn, Reversing
- Convoy Drive, Gear Change, Roundabout
- Angle park and hill start
- Overtaking, cornering lines, gear change
- Parallel park and 3 point turn
- Night Driving and negotiating traffic lights

For programs of 2 or more days a practical test can be included

Theory sessions

There is now a big emphasis on attitudes to driving in the theory component.

Depending on the length of the program the following theory can be covered:-

- Road toll statistics
- Steering and system of car control,
- Traffic rules and regulations and signs
- Lane positioning, U turns and 3 point turns
- Observation and planning, highway and freeway driving
- Overtaking and cornering
- Alcohol and drugs
- Night driving

For programs of 2 or more days a theory test (similar to the L’s theory test) can be included

EXAMPLES OF PROGRAMS

One Day Program (6.25 hrs) - Timetable
10.00 – 10.15 – Introduction (Starting time open to negotiation)
10.15 – 11.00 – Cabin Drill, moving off, Steering, Braking (Half the group involved in theory)
11.00 – 11.45 - Cabin Drill, moving off, Steering, Braking (Half the group involved in theory)
### Lunch
12.15– 1.00 – Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation  
(Half the group involved in theory)  
1.00 – 1.45 - Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation  
(Half the group involved in theory)

### Recess
2.00 – 2.45 – U Turn, Reversing  (Half the group involved in theory)  
2.45 – 3.00 – U Turn, Reversing  (Half the group involved in theory)  
3.00 – 3.45 – Convoy Drive, Gear Change, Roundabout  
3.45 – 4.300 – Convoy Drive, Gear Change, Roundabout

**Alternative or additional session** – later start, tea followed by night drive for 1.5 hours (half theory)

### Two Day Program 10.75 hrs - Timetable

**Day 1**
- 10.45 – 11.00 – Introduction (Starting time open to negotiation)
- 11.00 – 11.45 – Cabin Drill, Moving off, Steering, braking (Half the group involved in theory)
- 11.45 – 12.30 - Cabin Drill, Moving off, Steering, braking (Half the group involved in theory)

**Lunch**
- 12.00 – 1.00 – Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation  
(Half the group involved in theory)
- 1.00 – 1.45 - Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation  
(Half the group involved in theory)

**Recess**
- 2.00 – 2.45 – U Turn, Reversing  (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 2.45 – 3.00 – U Turn, Reversing  (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 3.00 – 3.45 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 3.45 – 4.15 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 4.15 – 4.45 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 4.45 – 5.15 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)

**Tea**
- 1.5 hours of Night driving including roundabout

**Day 2**
- 8.00 – 8.45 – Angle park and hill start (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 8.45 – 9.30 – Angle park and hill start (Half the group involved in theory)

**Recess**
- 9.45 – 10.30 – Overtaking, cornering lines, gear change (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 10.30 – 11.15 – Overtaking, cornering lines, gear change (Half the group involved in theory)  
- Or parallel parking and 3 point turn

**Lunch**
- 11.45 – 12.30 – Test  
- 12.30 – 1.15 – Test  
- 1.15 – 1.30 - Overview

### Three Day Program 16.75 hrs - Timetable

**Day 1**
- 10.45 – 11.00 – Introduction (Starting time open to negotiation)  
- 11.00 – 11.45 – Cabin Drill, Moving off, Steering, braking (Half the group involved in theory)  
- 11.45 – 12.30 - Cabin Drill, Moving off, Steering, braking (Half the group involved in theory)

**Lunch**
- 12.00 – 1.00 – Road position, Left and right turn, gear change, observation
(Half the group involved in theory)
1.45 – 2.30 - Road position, left and right turn, gear change, observation
(Half the group involved in theory)

Recess
2.45 – 3.30 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)
3.30 – 4.15 – U Turn, Reversing (Half the group involved in theory)

Tea
1.5 hours of Night driving including roundabout
(Can be held on first or second evening – usually day 2 for 3 day program)

Day 2
9.00 – 9.45 – Convoy Drive and Roundabout (Half the group involved in theory)
9.45 – 10.30 – Convoy Drive and Roundabout (Half the group involved in theory)

Recess
10.45 – 11.30 – Angle parking and hill start (Half the group involved in theory)
11.30 – 12.15 – Angle parking and hill start (Half the group involved in theory)

Lunch
12.45 – 1.30 – Reverse parallel park (Half the group involved in theory)
1.30 – 2.15 – Reverse parallel park (Half the group involved in theory)

Recess
3.00 – 3.45 – 3 Point Turn (Half the group involved in theory)
3.45 – 4.30 – 3 Point Turn (Half the group involved in theory)

Day 3
8.00 – 8.45 – Overtaking, cornering lines, gear change (Half the group involved in theory)
8.45 – 9.30 – Overtaking, cornering lines, gear change (Half the group involved in theory)

Recess
9.45 – 10.30 – Revision Drive (Half the group involved in theory)
10.30 – 11.15 – Revision Drive (Half the group involved in theory)

Lunch
11.45 – 12.30 – Practical Test (Half the group involved in theory test)
12.30 – 1.15 – Practical Test (Half the group involved in theory test)
1.15 – 1.30 - Overview

OTHER PROGRAMS OFFERED BY CHARTSEC
- Driving programs for adult migrants new to the country
- Individual driving programs through Employment agencies
- L to P’s program – definitely running – provision of professional lessons and housing of the L2P car at CHARTSEC.
ACCOMMODATION

A number of options are available. Most schools stay at the Charlton Motel. Some schools camp at the caravan park and self-cater.

Charlton College can supply lunch orders on most days of the week.

Charlton Motel – (03) 5491 1600    Cricket Club Hotel – (03) 5491 1604
East Charlton Hotel – (03) 5491 1613    Foundry Palms Motel – (03) 5491 1911
Vale of Avoca - (03) 5491 1353 or 0417 562 691
Gordon Park - Caravan Park

FUNDING FOR DRIVER EDUCATION

It is recognised that the cost to students is quite high but costs to schools have remained at the same amount for 4 years (2010-2013), rose in 2014 but remained the same to 2016. **So only one increase in 7 years. There is a small increase in 2017 of between $2 and $8 per student depending on the length of the program**

There are a number of ways in which schools assist students:–

1. Some schools subsidise the program for their students
2. In Victorian Government schools some use their Advance funding for a Yr 9 program
3. Some schools fundraise to reduce the cost
4. Some schools approach a local Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) in their area or a Lions Club and many provide sponsorship to reduce the cost

Our local Charlton & District Community Bank & another Community Bank have funded a number of cars over the past 10 years
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Watch a video of our program online at:-
Or
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