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## Busselton students win big in state-wide film competition

You would be forgiven for thinking the muse of filmmaking resides in Busselton. Students from Cornerstone Christian College and Busselton Senior High School took out first, second and third prize in the popular Your Call Student Film Competition, run by WA Police Force and Constable Care Child Safety Foundation.

The announcement was made at an awards ceremony and screening at ECU's WA Screen Academy in Perth this week.

Year eight student Eva Dragstra from Cornerstone Christian College took out the top prize for her film 'Face up, phone down' which warned of the dangers of pedestrian distraction.

"I was very surprised to win!" she said. "I wasn't even going to enter, but my teacher encouraged me to. I just wanted to let everyone know that being distracted by your phone when you're a pedestrian may not seem like a serious topic, but it can lead to very serious injuries."

The competition invited West Australian secondary school students to create their own short films exploring street safety. The competition received more than 300 registrations, and many entries covering important topics such as road safety, drink spiking, street fighting and more.

Second place was won by year 9 Busselton Senior High School students Issy Brown, Mia Evans and Brigette Gibson for their film 'Safety in numbers' which urges young people to stick together when out at night.

Third place went to fellow Cornerstone Christian College student Kate Jarman, for her film 'Alone' which explored common mistakes young people make when out at night.

Constable Care Child Safety Foundation CEO David Gribble said the quality of films the competition received this year was outstanding.

"The beauty of this competition is that it encourages young people to act as peer educators; sharing advice and safety tips with other young people," he said.

Your Call Student Film Competition is supported by Commissioner for Children and Young People and WA Lions Drug Education Foundation.

Watch the top 10 finalist films here: <https://competitions.yourcall.rocks/videos>

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Notes to editor:

- Constable Care Child Safety Foundation is a registered harm prevention charity that delivers award-winning safety education programs free of charge to school students throughout Western Australia.
- The Foundation continues to support the growing needs of children, youth and families by developing ongoing programs and products relevant to the challenges faced by our youth to ensure a safer, brighter future for those living in Western Australia.
- Constable Care Child Safety Foundation was established in 1989 by Sergeant Ross Pengilly and launched by WA Police.
- In 2017 the Foundation introduced WA's first transport safety learning centre. The Constable Care Safety School recreates Perth's streets and includes life-size train and bus stations, road signs, pedestrian crossings and other transport elements. Using cutting-edge augmented reality, children aged 4-11 years navigate safety risks they may encounter in real life and practice skills that could potentially one day save their life.
- Free services provided to WA schools include: Constable Care pre-school to Year 6 educational puppet and actor shows, Theatrical Response Group interactive performances and intensive workshops for Years 7 to 12.
- Constable Care Child Safety Foundation also provides Comfort Packs for children in distress or at-risk youth; and Lost Child Points – a meeting point service and a safe refuge for children, should they become separated from their parents or guardians at major events in WA.
- The Foundation's other safety services include: Arility, a safety education App which teaches vital safety skills to 4 – 11 year olds in the classroom; City After Dark educational walking tours and Your Call, a suite of interactive videos which allow users to explore a range of youth safety and social issues.