Students aware of drug risk

SCHOOL PROGRAMS HELPFUL

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MAKING good and positive decisions is the focus of Peninsula high schools’ alcohol and drug awareness programs.

But that does not mean the region’s teenagers are oblivious to the dangers posed by using drugs and alcohol and chroming.

Southern Cross Catholic College personal development teacher Nicci Freeman said drug and alcohol awareness programs were an important part of a teenager’s education.

“We also look at dealing with peer pressure and good decision making,” Ms Freeman said.

Year 12 students take part in the PARTY Program at the Royal Brisbane Hospital during which students spend a whole day in the emergency and trauma wards talking to nurses, doctors and patients.

Mueller College Year 11 students take part in the same program.

Redcliffe State High School principal Shona McKinlay said the school followed the National Curriculum for drug and alcohol education.

Grace Lutheran College principal Ruth Butler said their program did not specifically educate students about the dangers of chroming but focused on good decision making.

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