



Media Statement

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PARTY in Bunbury

Drink drive or speed and your life can change in an instance. Teens in Bunbury can now get a glimpse into the realities of risky behaviour thanks to PARTY - Prevention of Alcohol and Risk Related Trauma in Youth.

An extension of Royal Perth Hospital's PARTY Program has commenced at Bunbury Regional Hospital, providing an opportunity for youth in regional areas to participate in this renowned and well-recognised program.

The monthly sessions will provide an opportunity for 15 to 17 year-old school students to get an insight into how risky behaviours can cause seriousness of the injuries.

Students will be allowed access to areas of the hospital such as the Emergency Department, High Dependency Unit- areas they would not be in unless as a patient.

RPH PARTY Coordinator Angela McDowall said, "The program will bring together groups within the hospital, external agencies and previous patients with serious injuries, exposing young people to the potential physical and psychological impact that results from traumatic injury."

The program has been operational at RPH since 2006 with over 4500 high school students participating in the program so far.

The next session at Bunbury Hospital will be held on Friday, 25 March from 9am.

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