Hume drives road safety

HUME Council has provided $25,000 to secondary schools to deliver the ‘Fit to Drive’ driver education program this year.

Hume Council has been providing funding to the schools for the past seven years.

This year over 2500 students from 17 schools will take part.

Mayor Helen Patsikatheodorou said the program aimed to address poor driver behaviour and improve practical road safety skills in partnership with schools, emergency services and the TAC.

“Too many young people are injured or killed on our roads - it’s vital they are aware of safe driving practices before getting behind the wheel,” Cr Patsikatheodorou said.

“Peer pressure, bad driving conditions and inexperience can have too high an impact on road safety and we want Hume’s young people to have the best possible knowledge and awareness to remain as safe as possible on our roads.”

Isik College Year 11 co-ordinator Atilla Sinik said it would be the third year the school had participated in the program.

“We had a few accidents a couple of year ago when students got their licence,” Mr Sinik said.

“We’re hoping the program will have a positive effect on students.

“It is increasing their awareness.”