



Want free safe-driving lessons?

HUNDREDS of young Queenslanders will be offered free professional driving tuition as part of the 2009 Leighton Contractors Youth Drive Safe initiative.

The initiative was launched at Wacol by Transport Minister Rachel Nolan.

It offers secondary school students from participating schools the chance to win one of 625 drive safe packages.

Each package consists of five hours of free driver tuition from an RACQ-recommended driving school, and is equivalent to 15 hours in the learner logbook.

Leighton northern region general manager Darren Weir said the company was committed to creating safer communities through its road safety program.

"Sadly, road accidents remain a major cause of death for young Queenslanders.

"Last year alone young drivers aged 17-24 accounted for 73 deaths on Queensland roads – 22 per cent of all fatalities," he said.

"Although this is a challenging economic climate, we are increasing the level of our commitment to this initiative in 2009."

The tuition will take place in the

six months leading up to Christmas, putting students in a good position to drive safely through the holiday and schoolies week period.

Professional driving tuition has a strong emphasis on road safety skills, which may not always be the case with tuition through family or friends.

Students who took part in a pilot initiative last year were surveyed to find out how much impact the professional tuition had on their attitudes to road safety.

The results were overwhelmingly positive.



Transport Minister Rachel Nolan, 2008 Youth Drive Safe participants Sara and Dean Hines, Richard Grant, and Leighton Contractors' Renaye Peters.

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