



DRIVE SAFE: Instructor Peter Nelson with Sam Bowles, Anna Cox and Sam Mills.

Safety driven home

A BRIGHT blue and orange car is cruising the Hills district as year 12 students embrace a driving safety course at Ferny Grove State High School.

The Leighton Contractors Youth Drive Safe Initiative will provide free training to hundreds of teenagers across Brisbane to improve road safety skills, vehicle awareness and identification of hazards.

Darren Weir, General Manager for Leighton Contractors Northern Region, said the company was com-

mitted to creating safer communities through its Leighton Contractors Road Safety Program.

"Through the Leighton Contractors Youth Drive Safe Initiative we are keen to help develop safer young drivers," Mr Weir said.

"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 fatalities."

The program offers

students the chance to win one of 625 packages for five hours of professional driver training.

The project has been rolled out to 15 Queensland schools.

Anna Cox, 16, a student at Ferny Grove State High School, said she had a productive first lesson with Peter Nelson from Coastwide Driver Training.

Anna said she and her classmates found it "a bit scary" getting behind the wheel for the first time, but were growing in confidence.