

Students driven to learn all about road safety

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CAMP Clayton has been taken over by 1300 Grade 10 students this week, all in the name of road safety.

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) is in its third year on the North-West Coast, and provides much-needed road safety information to our youth.

During the program, students are guided through a presen-

tation from Tasmania Police, taken on a practical course to experience speed and safe stopping distances, informed about safe celebrating, and spoken to by a crash survivor.

Rotary Club of Devonport North's Bruce Buxton said the week was running smoothly with the assistance of other North-West Rotary clubs.

"The program is held in Smithton and also in the North and South of the state," Mr

Buxton said.

"This week, students from Burnie to Latrobe are attending Camp Clayton and receiving the fantastic benefits of this course.

"Not only do they have the chance to sit as a passenger and experience the safe stopping distances, they also receive presentations to ensure they have the best road safety education possible," he said.

Headway North-West manager Kate Moore spoke to the students

yesterday and, using diagrams, explained the workings of the brain.

After an informative session, Ms Moore finished by explaining to the students that you don't need to have a blow to the head to get an acquired brain injury.

"Once the brain cell is dead, it is dead," she said.

"You will then have deficits in your life that you will live with for the rest of your life."