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Cheltenham Girls High students watch as a dummy is run down during a stopping distances demonstration. Picture: DAVE SWIFT

Students get an education on safe driving

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CHELTENHAM Girls High students should be cautious drivers once they gain their licences after some sobering experiences at a road safety program.

Year 11 students attended the program, provided by Road Safety Education, at St

Ives last week to learn about the dangers, laws and responsibilities of driving.

This included hearing from friends of a young woman killed in a crash.

Year adviser Jen Coupland said it was the most emotionally challenging part of the day for students.

Students also heard from

a crash survivor, were tasked with identifying hazards and saw a demonstration of factors that can influence a car's stopping distance and consequences.

Ms Coupland said students found the course interesting.

"They really liked the personal stories and not being

patronised too much about what they're doing on the road," she said.

The road safety day was part of students' studies of the Crossroads program.

This is mandatory for Year 11 and 12 students and helps them address health and safety challenges in their lives.