

## AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY BALLARAT PARAMEDICINE STUDENTS IN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION



Ballarat paramedicine students came face-to-face with a major vehicle accident recently. The Australian Catholic University students were involved in the demonstration as part of their trauma studies. Held at the Ballarat Fire Station in Barkly Street, the students were taught how to work with other authorities and to be aware of potential dangers, including chemicals, airbags, fuel and gas.

Aquinas Paramedic Society president and demonstration organiser, Morris Walsh, said it was a useful exercise for the second-year students. "It's very patient-focused in the classroom. The demonstration showed the physical barriers like doors that don't open or airbags that can still go off," Mr Walsh said.

Ballarat Fire Brigade captain Mark Cartledge said the demonstration showed the students how to work safely as a team to treat the patient. He said it was the second time the volunteer brigade held the demonstration, with Ballarat Towing supplying the vehicle.

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SCENE: ACU Ballarat paramedicine students rescue a mannequin during a motor vehicle accident demonstration at the Ballarat Fire Brigade.