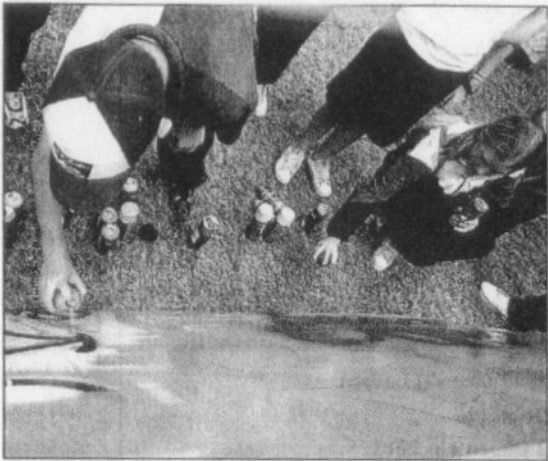


Fun and games event for youth drug abuse



AWARENESS . . . Breakdancing and graffiti art at Nirimba TAFE. **Photo: WOLTER PEETERS**

Breakdancing was one of the mediums used at a Quakers Hill students' fair to help raise awareness of the dangers of drug abuse.

The drug awareness event for about 100 students was organised by a group of community services and welfare students as part of their certificate course at Nirimba TAFE recently.

One of the organisers,

Michelle Rymer, said they had consulted widely with year 9 students from Mt Druitt High School and Terra Sancta College.

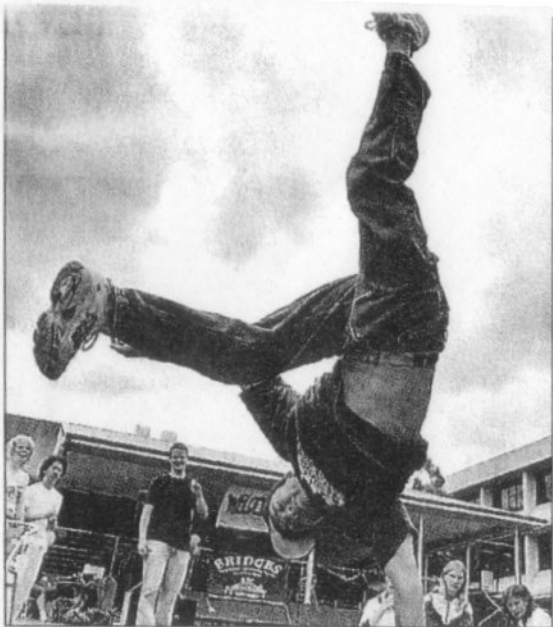
She said besides breakdancing, PCYC computer games, graffiti art, a jumping castle, games of skill, music, free food and drinks were the students' requested activities.

"It took us about six months to organise these activities to

combat negative ones like drug use," she said.

"We wanted to maintain our link with young people in our community as well as better understand them.

"They can better fight the menace if we instill them with self-confidence, a positive outlook and provide suitable people as their role models."



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