Students dash to the rescue

TEENS' QUICK ACTION HELPS STRICKEN MAN

New Jordan

A GROUP of students who rushed to the aid of an elderly man they saw slumped in a pool of blood by the side of the road in West Pennant Hills have been thanked by the man's grateful wife.

The man, 77, suffered head injuries and multiple fractures after tripping on the pavement on Castle Hill Rd. He is still recovering in hospital.

His wife, who asked that the grandfather's identity not be revealed, said she was very grateful for the students' quick action.

"I was very good to them," she said. "I will be writing to their school."

Her husband was helped by Year 12 students from St Paul's College of Chatswood who were returning home after watching a soccer match between their school and Oakhill College Castle Hill on Monday, August 22.

Nick McCanley said it was sheer chance that he heard the man collap.

"I was in the back seat of the car and we were the other side of the road by the Roslyn Park," McCanley said.

"I didn't have the courage to do anything wrong when I heard the man shout out."

He said he could see the man covered in blood on the opposite side of the road and called for his friend to stop the car.

He and schoolmates Chris Keyes and Francisco Phillips ran across four lines of the Castle Hill Rd to get to the man who had blood rushing from his head wound and called triple-0.

Mr McCanley said he checked the man's neck before taking off his rugby shirt and placing it under his head. Fellow students who had also been at the grand final came across the scene near the New Line Rd junction and stopped to get out to help.

"There is hope for our future well done young people!" Derek Woodlands said on Facebook.

"He was lying on his back with a stream of blood streaming from his head down the footpath... very enough of us had our hands on the injured man's head wounds and were helping to stem the flow before the ambulance arrived. We're so proud of you!"