



KNOWLEDGE: Love Bites presenters and Muswellbrook High School teachers at the launch of the exhibition at Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre, from left, Jodie Duffell (Hunter New England Health), Esther Mines (Upper Hunter Community Services), Muswellbrook High School Year 10 advisor Leanne Duck, assistant year advisor Luke Dunst, physical education teacher Rachael Murphy and social worker Sorin Timis.

Healthy relationships important

LOVE Bites is a program run in schools to teach students about healthy relationships.

Muswellbrook High School recently completed this year's round, with all of the current Year 10 pupils taking part.

"It looks at the laws, what is domestic violence and where to get help," teacher Rachael Murphy said.

"All the feedback we have had from the kids has been really positive."

The program is conducted over two days, with half the pupils participating on each day.

Presenters from Hunter New England Health, Upper Hunter Community Services and the Muswellbrook Women's and Children's Refuge discuss with students what a healthy relationship is and how to identify domestic violence.

They then get creative; either painting, or writing and recording a song to demonstrate what they



STRONG MESSAGE: One of the paintings on display at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre.

A range of the paintings will be on display at the Muswellbrook Regional Arts Centre until