



Safety first: Students at the *Condom Dialogues* being told never to believe a man who says he's 'too big' for a condom. **Picture:** Yann

Light-hearted look at sexual health

YEAR 10 girls at Mornington Peninsula secondary schools have been entertained and educated on the subject of condoms.

The *Condom Dialogues* was presented last week by a professional theatre group for Peninsula Community Health Service and Mornington Peninsula Shire at the Peninsula Community Theatre in Mornington.

Sexual and reproductive health nurse Tina Bedford said all secondary colleges

were invited to attend and "we were delighted with the response and subsequent uptake". "The *Condom Dialogues* was not your average boring lecture about safe sex," Ms Bedford said.

"It was a one-hour performance delivered by professional comedians who have custom-written humorous but informative material about sexual health that is targeted specifically at young women between the ages of 14 and 18.

"The performance addressed issues of sexual health and well-being in a fun and light-hearted manner covering topics often difficult to explore with friends, family and teachers."

The project followed an increase in cases of the sexually transmitted chlamydia, with rates soaring in the 15-24 age groups.

Ms Bedford said that if left untreated, chlamydia in females could lead to long-term infertility.