

Security concern at Griffith

AN assault on a Griffith University student has put the spotlight on security at the Nathan Campus.

Students fear there will be more assaults if security is not beefed up.

Japanese student Maiko Arai, 20, was walking home from the Nathan Campus about 8.50pm on May 4 when she heard a man approach her from behind.

She told media how her assailant grabbed her from behind and put his arm around her neck, but she managed to break free.

Griffith University vice chancellor (administration) Colin McAndrew said security services operated on weekends and public holidays.

"In addition to normal security patrols and call out arrangements that operate 24 hours, seven days every week, we also offer security escorts to anyone who requests assistance," he said.

National Union of Students small and regional campus officer Chaiky Donati, a former Nathan campus student, said the union had concerns about poorly lit sections of the campuses.



■ Best foot forward ... Kent Sweeting from Performance Podiatry has won a state award for his research.

Research reaps awards

KENT Sweeting has stepped ahead of his field by winning the Podiatrist of the Year award.

The co-owner of Performance Podiatry and Physiotherapy was presented with the title, as well as the President's award for excellence

and contribution to the industry, at Sport Podiatry Queensland's annual conference held at South Bank.

"I was not expecting to win the awards but it is always nice to achieve recognition, particularly from those in the industry," Mr

Sweeting said.

Last year Sports Medicine Australia gave him an award for his research into pain in the Achilles tendon.

He will fly to Seattle this month to present his findings to world leaders in sports medicine at the

American College of Sports Medicine conference.

Performance Podiatry and Physiotherapy, at West End, is a family-run partnership between brothers Ben and Kent and their mother Margaret is the manager of the clinic.



Blanket worry

ELECTRIC blankets are a hot issue as winter arrives. Member for Yeerongpilly Simon Finn has encouraged residents to take care when turning on their electric blankets after being stored for months, because they can cause electric shock, fires or property damage. Queensland's Electrical Safety Office has received reports of three fires caused by electric blankets since July last year, and 18 since 2003.

Pink start

THE roof of the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre was turned pink last night to mark the start of a three-day international conference for breast cancer survivors. More than 600 breast cancer survivors have travelled from around the world for the 15th UICC Reach to Recovery International Breast Cancer Support Conference.

Take a walk

WELLERS Hill State Schools pupils will pound the pavement tomorrow for Walk Safely to School Day. The initiative asks parents and carers to walk to school with their children, either all or at least part of the way to improve physical and mental health. Eight thousand schools across Australia are expected to participate.

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