



**Not cool to be cruel:** Ken Marslew with Wests Tigers' anti-bullying ambassador, forward Chris Heighington, and Nathan Cassar. **Picture: Melba Studios**

# Unite against bullies

By Merryn Porter

STAMPING out bullying has come one step closer thanks to a new program to be launched in the area's high schools.

Sutherland-based anti-violence movement Enough is Enough has produced a DVD and booklet that will be distributed to all secondary schools in the area.

The DVD was filmed during the two-day Positive Solutions International Anti-Bullying Conference it ran in March.

The conference drew media attention thanks to well-known speakers including Jessica Rowe, who spoke of her experi-

ences of workplace bullying.

The organisation's CEO, Ken Marslew, said schools would be able to use the DVD and booklet to run their own anti-bullying programs.

The organisation also recently joined forces with West Tigers rugby league club to launch the *It's Not Cool to be Cruel* program written by bullying victim and high school student Nathan Cassar.

It includes a DVD in which team members, including captain Robbie Farah, Benji Marshall and Gareth Ellis, deliver anti-bullying messages. Enough is Enough will present the program to primary school

students, with West Tigers players attending when possible.

Mr Marslew said it was great to see sporting teams getting behind the cause. "This is a real strategy that, with community support, will make a positive difference. We all need to take a proactive approach to dealing with the problem of violence in society," he said.

Mr Marslew said the organisation was also waiting to hear back from Sharks rugby league club, which last year won a \$10,000 State Government grant to fund an anti-bullying program in PCYCs with the support of Enough is Enough.