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Keeping kids safe!



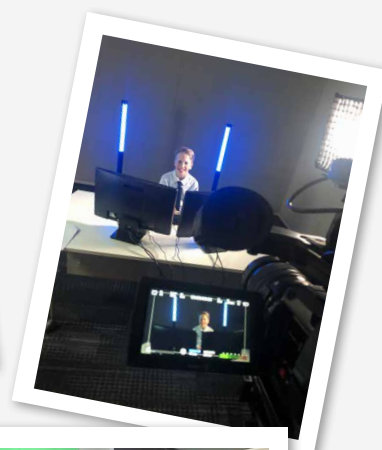
Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

And we're live! On Thursday, the 5th of September, the Foundation live streamed Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABCSL).

The educational video, produced annually by the Foundation, aims to deliver personal safety messages to children across the country in a fun and engaging manner. ABCSL sits within National Child Protection Week (September 1 – 7), a time where the nation focuses on efforts to keep children safe.



Behind the scenes



This year, the lesson was produced for upper primary school children, using a news bulletin theme. It starred Channel Seven's Marlena Whop as the newsreader, fantastic local talent from the Buderim Youth Theatre of Excellence and stellar students from Brightwater State School.

Over 600 schools registered to join the live stream event – a fantastic uptake. With over 50,000 children watching the lesson, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation is proud to contribute to awareness raising and education during National Child Protection Week. The lesson can now be viewed on demand at DanielMorcombe.com.au



Thank you for sharing St Brigid's Nerang

Our National Child Protection Week

Tuesday 3rd September

Sunshine Coast Child Protection Week Community Development Day

It was a pleasure to contribute to the Sunshine Coast Child Protection Week Committee's Community Development Day. Professionals gathered at Maroochy Surf Club to explore the theme: *What's stressing our youth? Promoting resilience in our young people*. Attendants learned from the Chair of the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Task Force, Ms Madonna King and Your Town researcher Dr Samantha Batchelor.

Wednesday 4th September

Child Protection Week at Sunshine Coast Hospital

Sunshine Coast Hospital held a superhero-themed event in celebration of Child Protection Week. The aim of the day was to raise awareness of the many resources and tools available to keep our youth safe. It was a great opportunity to set up the stall alongside Laurel Place, Centacare, Sunny Kids, Act for Kids, QPS, IFYS and United Synergies. Thank you to Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health for this fun and educational morning.

Thursday 5th September

National Child Protection Week Q&A Forum

Putting children first was the focus of NAPCAN's National Child Protection Week Q&A forum this year.

Attendees learned from Annette Michaux (Director Parenting Research Centre) and Nat Kendall-Taylor (CEO, Frameworks Institute, USA). A thought-provoking seminar taught professionals to talk about parenting using the metaphor that to raise thriving kids, parents need support to navigate life's choppy waters. As child protection advocates our job is to help create safe harbours which support families.

Thursday 5th September

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Live broadcast to 50,000 students across Australia.

Friday 6th September

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day acknowledges the experiences of adult survivors of childhood abuse in institutional settings, including out-of-home care. "I see you, I hear you, I believe you and I thank you." Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner, Professor Marie Wilson spoke with wisdom and warmth on the ways in which both nations can continue to improve.

The event was also attended by Leneen Forde, former Governor of Queensland who presided over the Forde Inquiry and Commissioner Bob Atkinson, who served on the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Thank you to Micah Projects for this important event.

National Child Protection Week is an important and busy period for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Wednesday 4th September

Bundaberg Day for Daniel

Bundaberg Police's 4th annual (early) Day for Daniel was attended by 600 students from nine local schools. These students all participated in a child safety presentation from Bruce and Denise.

Along with support from Queensland Police Service and "Connie" the mascot, the students also attended workshops and stalls with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, SES, Surf Lifesaving, Parks and Wildlife, Crimes Stoppers, Australian Army, Bundaberg Regional Council and PCYC. Thank you to Senior Constable Timothy Clarke for arranging such a great learning experience.

Thursday 5th September

ACCCE's First Anniversary

Bruce and Denise Morcombe, attended the first anniversary update on developments of the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation (ACCCE).



Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton praised the project for bringing together numerous government and non-government organisations in the child protection industry.

A collaborative approach to reducing child exploitation in our region is front and centre of the overall brief. The Minister was clearly enthusiastic and committed to ensure its success. The Home Affairs Minister clearly has an appreciation of Bruce and Denise's work. Together, let us watch this space with anticipation.

Friday 6th September

Child Protection Week Dinner

The Annual Child Protection Week Dinner wraps up the events of the week, offering a place for reflection and celebration of the achievements of the sector. The evening was hosted by Daniel Morcombe Foundation Patron Kay McGrath at the Greek Club in South Brisbane.

Bruce and Denise embraced the opportunity to catch up with the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women, the Hon Di Farmer and share the Foundation's plans moving forward.

Join Australia's biggest child safety day

Day for Daniel

Friday 25 October 2019

Tips for the day:

- Watch Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson
- Learn how to Recognise, React and Report
- Decorate your school with safety messages
- Gold coin donation
- Wear red to school or work

You have the right to be safe and you can get help



Talk to the 5 grownups on your safety network until you get the help you need

Register your school online

DanielMorcombe.com.au

Day for Daniel – Target 4000

Friday the 25th of October will be the 15th Day for Daniel!

This year, we are aiming to reach 4000 schools and early childhood centres participating in the event. Is your school or early childhood centre registered? You can check online at DanielMorcombe.com.au.

Around the Playgrounds

Term 3 - can you believe it? - is done and dusted!

Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe continued their relentless school visit campaign over this time. For over 10 years, they have made direct student presentations to over 700 state, catholic and independent schools, the vast majority of which are primary. Interestingly, they have also reached out to numerous School of the Air, special needs, and home school education facilities and students.



Support resource material is available free of charge to every teacher, parent and student in Australia via the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website. This is updated and refreshed regularly. In our ever-changing, tech-savvy world, it is vital to stay relevant. Recent school visits included a cluster in Mt Isa, Bundaberg, Outer Western Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Next term, the Morcombes are scheduled to visit Toowoomba, Oakey, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and another eight schools in the Shepperton (Victoria) region. If you would like to be on their school visit radar for 2020, please email: admin@danielmorcombe.com.au

Deportment Classes

A personal highlight for us at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation is to sponsor some young adults who have had a start to life none of us would wish for.

The foster children graduated from the Savvy Style and Training deportment course, held by the Department of Child Safety. The teenagers were an inspiration and they should all be very proud of their get-up-and-go! We wish them every success in the years ahead.

Welcome to the Board, Lara!

Sunshine Coast criminologist, Dr Lara Christensen has joined the board at the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

Lara is a distinguished academic at the University of the Sunshine Coast, focusing her research on child sexual offenders. Lara serves as a co-lead on USC's Sexual Violence Research and Prevention Unit and as the Treasurer of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology. We are delighted to have Lara on board and look forward to sharing her extensive knowledge.

Broncos Charity Partner Game – August 16th

As a charity partner of the Brisbane Broncos, the Daniel Morcombe Foundation was allocated a home game at which to sell tickets in the 50-50 Charity Raffle.

A team of fantastic volunteers joined us at Suncorp Stadium on August 16th for the Broncos vs Panthers match. Ticket sales totalled more than \$20,000 meaning over \$10,000 in prize money for the winner! The Foundation received \$4,000. Well done to the team and thank you to the Brisbane Broncos.



Townsville Dance for Daniel

Townsville painted the town red on Friday the 30th of August for the Dance for Daniel Townsville.

The community came out in force. Over 350 people filled The Ville Resort-Casino, in commitment to keeping kids safe. Guests included Townsville's Day for Daniel Ambassador, North Queensland Cowboys player Gavin Morris and former Captain, Johnathan Thurston.



MC's Luke Lum and Gabi Elgood led the night in spectacular fashion. Happy Feet Inc entertained and delighted the crowd before being delighted themselves at receiving the coveted Morky Award. Entertainment also included songstress Miella Sartori, Scimitar Moon Belly Dance, the band Euphoria and comedian Mel Buttle.



Well done to the Townsville Dance for Daniel Committee on another stellar event!

Queensland Travel Industry donation

From 2012 to 2019, the Queensland Travel Industry has raised \$112,000 which will go a 'fairway' towards keeping kids safe!



The Queensland Travel Industry's Drive for Daniel is now in its seventh year. Thank you to the Committee for your hard work.

Habitat Palmwoods

Thank you to Habitat Palmwoods who will make a donation to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation for every block of land sold in Stage 4 and 5.



Coming up

Friday 25 October
Friday 25 October
Sunday 27 October

Day for Daniel - Australia
Walk for Daniel - Sunshine Coast
Sean Follows Tru Grit Fundraiser

< More info on
our website