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The Boomer Challenge

The Boomer Challenge is our latest FREE, fun, interactive, educational online game, giving children aged 8 to 12 the skills to recognise potentially unsafe and risky online situations, and providing them with the skills to make decisions and problem solve in the online world.

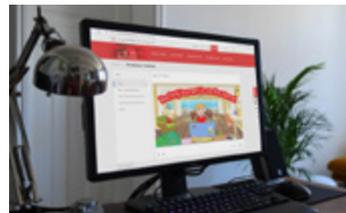
Bruce, Denise and the DMF team were joined by Brett Mills, Ted O'Brien MP, Principal Stuart Meade, staff and grade 5 students at Matthew Flinders Anglican College to launch the new resource. The Boomer Challenge was developed with funds raised from Millsy's Pop Up Restaurant, an initiative of Ken Mills Toyota and the students at Matthew Flinders Anglican College were the first to play the new game.

The animated game follows a boy called Millsy, aged 10, and his 18 year old sister Kristy, as they teach their technologically challenged grandparents how to use the internet safely. 'Boomer' reflects the joking way that some children refer to older people, especially when they struggle with technology.

"Parents and carers need to be able to have brave conversations with their children, they need to talk to them about online safety, how to recognise unsafe situations, how to react, and how to report. This game is not only a great resource for children but also educational for parents and grandparents. I think I'm a Boomer!" Denise said.

Bruce added that *"Children need to be aware that there are sometimes dodgy tricksters and scammers online. They need to learn the skills to identify these situations and react accordingly. The Boomer Challenge does this in a fun, engaging way. It is a perfect example of Edugamement!"*

The Boomer Challenge, along with a range of guides and activities developed to accompany the game are available at DanielMorcombe.com.au



Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Join us on Tuesday 6 September, during National Child Protection Week for this important lesson proudly produced by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

The live stream starts at 9am AEST for early years and junior primary students and 10am AEST for upper primary students.

Register now for an exclusive preview before we go live! DanielMorcombe.com.au

Coming up...

6 September
ABC SL

October
My Walk for Daniel
eSafety Challenges
and Choices

28 October
Walk for Daniel
Day for Daniel



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Daniel Morcombe Foundation turns 17

We were joined by Morky on May 6 to celebrate the Foundation's 17th birthday!

The entire Foundation Team is so very proud to be keeping kids safe across Australia.

We thank our community for their wonderful support and look forward to continuing our work for many more years to come.



Governor of Queensland visits Daniel House

Her Excellency, the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Governor of Queensland and Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD visited Daniel House on May 27.

We were very honoured to share a lovely morning tea and provide a tour of the Foundation.



Committed to Keeping Kids Safe

Queensland Family and Child Commission Chief Executive and Principal Commissioner Luke Twyford recently visited Daniel House to meet with Bruce, Denise and the team.

It was a productive conversation focusing on how we can all work together to keep kids safe.



25th Annual Bravehearts Ball

The Foundation had the pleasure of attending the 25th Annual Bravehearts Ball, it was a great evening and a wonderful opportunity to show our support to such an important friend and partner of the Foundation.



Alison Geale - Bravehearts CEO, Tracey McAsey - DMF General Manager, Denise Morcombe

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson



Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson is live streamed across Australia delivering important safety messages aimed at early years, 4 to 7 years old, and upper primary aged children, 8 to 12.

ABC SL will be developed with a focus on boundaries and body parts, using age-appropriate, evidence based personal safety education strategies. We have already been busy getting ready for Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson with filming well under way. Our junior journos and students from Mount Gravatt State School got things started by asking tough questions of tough competitors, the mighty Brisbane Lions. Registrations are now open for both schools and early learning centres – you can register for a free preview at DanielMorcombe.com.au

Day for Daniel

Join us for Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day!

In 2022, our theme is **brave conversations** and Day for Daniel will focus on **challenges and choices**. Parents, carers, and educators are encouraged to start a conversation with children and young people about personal safety in the real and online world.

Is your school or early learning centre 1 of 5,500 already registered for 2022? Register now at DanielMorcombe.com.au and be a part of Australia's largest child safety and awareness day on Friday 28 October.



School Visits



Term 2 saw Bruce and Denise eager to get back out and about into school presentations after Covid restrictions and flooding kept them away in Term 1.

They were met with smiling faces ready to learn the importance of being able to recognise, react and report in unsafe situations.

Starting the term, Bruce and Denise visited Palmwoods and Montville state schools on the Sunshine Coast and Yarrabilba in Logan. They then headed north to visit schools in Calliope, Pialba, Kin Kora, Gordonvale, Cardwell, Chapel Hill and St John's Walkerston in Mackay.

Bruce and Denise were also honoured to visit Gladstone Central State School after they won our 2021 Day for Daniel Bank your Funds competition. Your school can go into this year's draw by registering Day for Daniel in 2022 and banking your funds by 30 November 2022. Regardless of how much you raise, all funds go towards helping keep kids safe.

If you would like to be included on our 2023 list for a school safety presentation at your local primary school in Queensland, please have your school principal email denise@danielmorcombe.com.au

Our impact

At a recent Day for Daniel a young boy was told by his friend that they were being sexually assaulted by a family member, but no-one believed her. The young boy told his mum, who reported this to police. The police investigated and the perpetrator was charged.

This story reiterates how important Day for Daniel and the safety messages it delivers is. It gives children the confidence to speak out, knowing someone will believe them.

Changing Futures



Our Changing Futures Team were excited to get back out delivering face to face once again, and have been busy delivering forums, workshops and webinars to frontline workers and organisations around the country.

We have received great feedback about the quality and relevance of our harmful sexual behaviours (HSB) workshops. Our workshops in Launceston and Hobart identified the critical need for this type of training in remote and regional areas as appropriate responses to children and young people's HSB can change the trajectory of their life.

Our Tasmanian forum brought together representations across Communities, Education, Health, Police, NGOs, sexual assault services and foster care services, providing an opportunity for senior leaders and policymakers to engage in robust discussions on what was working well and how to address gaps in how we meet and support children's needs. We were so encouraged to hear about the proactive responses Tasmania is taking, having announced the intention to bring together the Department of Communities and Department of Education for a united approach in truly addressing the needs of those most vulnerable.

Upcoming Workshop and Forum dates

ACT	03/08/2022	Queensland	17/08/2022	South Australia	07/09/2022	Northern Territory	21/09/2022
ACT	04/08/2022	Queensland	18/08/2022	South Australia	08/09/2022	Northern Territory	22/09/2022

Sunseeker Caravans



Sunseeker Caravans and their suppliers joined forces to donate **\$50,000** to the Foundation from proceeds of a Desert Storm van auction at Let's Go Queensland Caravan & Camping Supershow.

Their generous donation will help educate kids about how to keep safe, as well as supporting young victims of crime. A HUGE thank you to everyone involved.

Officeworks Make a Difference Appeal

Throughout June the Foundation partnered with selected Officeworks stores as part of their 'Make a Difference Appeal' which focuses on making a positive difference for children's health and education causes.



Funds were raised by customers rounding up their purchase with 100% of each round-up directed to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

We were blown away by the support we received. Small change from many can make such a difference! **More than \$63,000 was raised for the Foundation.** Thank you to everyone who donated, and to Officeworks and all of the amazing staff at Upper Mount Gravatt, Capalaba, Underwood, Browns Plains, Loganholme, Southport, Robina, Nerang, West Burleigh, Lismore and Coffs Harbour stores, for promoting the Foundation and helping keep kids safe.



Fundraising feelgood

Our hearts are so full, thank you!

During June, the Foundation reached out to our community of supporters for our end of financial year appeal, and we've been overwhelmed by the generous response.

Gifts come in many forms; small, large, the gift of time, or even as a celebration of a beautiful life.

They are offered to the Foundation from businesses, organisations and different types of people, from many walks of life. Each and every gift to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation is a commitment to keeping kids safe.



1. Always be sceptical when online.
2. Be kind online.
3. Think before you post.
4. Be alert for clues that something isn't right.
5. If ever you are worried or unsure, check with a safety helper.

Victims of crime Savvy Style & Training

The Foundation's Victims of Crime program helps young victims of crime on their journey to recovery.

The Foundation is proud to sponsor the Style, Department and Self Leadership Program delivered by Savvy Style & Training to be able to make a difference to a group of young lady's lives.

We were honoured to be able to attend the April graduation ceremony of these inspiring young women.



Just Cause Bunch

What's not to love!

We were thrilled to be chosen as a charity partner by Just Cause Bunch. During the last six months this generous organisation donated 100% of profits from every purchase of their stunning florals, raising over \$8,200 for the Foundation.