



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABCSL) 2022 was all about boundaries and body parts! This year saw our biggest lesson yet with **over 300,000 children across Australia** joining in to watch ABCSL live during National Child Protection Week.

ABCSL explored personal safety concepts and removed the secrecy, stigma and mystery around private body parts while teaching children about body ownership.

Over **2,896 schools and early learning centres** registered to watch ABCSL and we were thrilled to launch the lessons at Mount Gravatt State School as they were live-streamed across Australia.

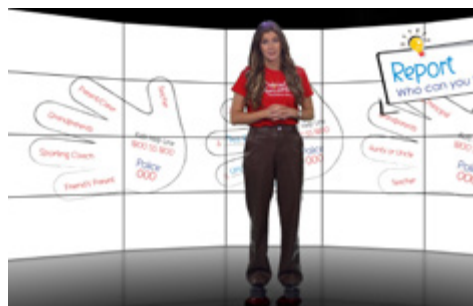
Mount Gravatt State School students were members of the Child Advisory Group that were consulted at each step along the way in the content creation and production of the Early Years and Junior Primary lessons. They also played the roles of Junior Journalists, interviewing some of the Brisbane Lions AFL players about boundaries and were excited to see themselves on the big screen.

The lessons make teaching personal safety easy, and the Daniel Morcombe Foundation would like to thank everyone involved in developing ABCSL. Both videos, accompanying lesson plans and resources are available at [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au)

*"Loved it - I had two classes of children and afterwards we had a great discussion. Our takeaway this year is that children are like cats and can choose when to say no."*



*"In my class, I have 2 children with trauma/abuse backgrounds, and I was a little bit nervous about their reactions. The content was right on target for them, and was presented very gently."*



Friday 28 October, 2022



### Are you Red, Red, Ready?

Day for Daniel is Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day. Help us remember Daniel on Friday 28 October. There's still time to get involved.

**Register** and plan your own event for Day for Daniel with our event resources and FREE editable poster.

**Purchase** merchandise to decorate your school or workplace.

Wear **Red**, **Educate** and **Donate** on Friday 28 October.

**Register now at [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au)**

### Coming up...

**October**  
My Walk for Daniel  
eSafety Challenges  
and Choices Launch

**28 October**  
Walk for Daniel  
Day for Daniel

**March 2023**  
Dance for Daniel



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# Walk for Daniel

## on the Sunshine Coast

With Day for Daniel only a couple of weeks away, the Foundation is getting ready to host this year's Walk for Daniel.

Walk for Daniel allows the community to honour Daniel's memory through a 4km walk to start the day.

We are proud to be joined once again this year by Nicholas Barker and his team at BOQ Maroochydore as proud supporters of this year's Walk for Daniel.



## National Child Protection Week 2022

The Foundation was lucky to have the opportunity to participate in many Child Protection Week activities and events across Australia.



ABCSL was live-streamed to over 300,000 students across Australia, with DMF joining students from Mount Gravatt State School to watch the lessons. Our Changing Futures team joined students from St Andrew's School for the ABCSL live-stream before presenting a harmful sexual behaviours workshop and forum in South Australia to educators and other frontline staff, and our Education team presented our Talk Early presentation to G8 Education at Community Kids on the Sunshine Coast. Bruce and Denise attended an early morning get-together with other child safety advocates at the Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation, as well as a Brisbane Catholic Education Child Protection Week presentation, finishing off the week mixing with our partners and friends at the Queensland Child Protection Week dinner.

## NSW Minister for Education

On a recent trip to Sydney, the Foundation was grateful for the opportunity to update the NSW Minister for Education and Early Learning, the Hon. Sarah Mitchell, MLC on all of our child safety education programs.

The meeting was very productive and positive, with the Minister reinforcing her support of Day for Daniel, ABCSL and our Keeping Kids Safe suite of resources.



## Australian and New Zealand Forensic Symposium

Bruce and Denise were delighted to speak at the opening session of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Symposium held in Brisbane in September.

Presenting to over 600 industry professionals Bruce and Denise focused on their 'lived experience', sharing the significance of every single test and every single sample taken. Acknowledging the valuable work these professionals do, Bruce and Denise reminded them how they could hold the answer and bring a family enormous relief.



## Big Red on the road for the Kids Safe Tour

August saw Bruce and Denise set off in Big Red on a Kids Safe Tour commencing with Child Safety presentations to schools in Canberra.

Radford College's year 5 and 6 students were attentive and eager to hear about being safe in the real and online world, as were the year 3 to 6 students at Canberra Girls Grammar. From Canberra, Bruce and Denise travelled across the state to St Mary's in Maffra in Victoria before heading up to the Riverina area of New South Wales where they presented to students from nine local schools the critical safety messages that help kids to recognise, react and report!





## School Visits

*Bruce and Denise have been busy visiting schools throughout Queensland delivering Child Safety school presentations in their role as Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors.*

Students from Mt Gravatt State School, St Anthony's Rockhampton, St Mary's Rockhampton, St Joseph's Rockhampton, St Patrick's Allora and Morningside State School were all enthusiastic to show Bruce and Denise how they use the three keywords, Recognise, React and Report each day and how their schools teach The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum.

If you would like to request a Child Safety school presentation at your local primary school in Queensland, please have your school principal email [admin@danielmorcombe.com.au](mailto:admin@danielmorcombe.com.au)



## St Mary's Maffra DFD School Presentation Winner 2021



The Kids Safe Tour allowed Bruce and Denise to visit the happy winners of last year's Day for Daniel competition, St Mary's in Maffra Victoria.

The students had been busy getting ready for the visit learning about their safety network and how to recognise, react and report.

To go into the draw for a Child Safety school presentation from the Foundation, register your school for Day for Daniel, hold a fundraiser and bank any funds raised by 30 November 2022!



## Education Resources

Our Education team have been busy working on new choose your own adventure (CYOA) style animation resources to be used with Day for Daniel activities. The CYOA style affords young people to make thought-provoking decisions, based on 'real-life' situations in a safe environment. This facilitates experiential learning moments rather than a passive watching experience. We have been consulting with young people from Refocus, to inform the scenarios and characters used in the animation.

We are excited to be working with Dr Danielle Harris and David Bartlett from Griffith University who will evaluate the effectiveness of this new resource.



## Changing Futures

*Our Changing Futures team has had a busy few months delivering workshops and forums in Ngannawal/Canberra, Turrbul and Juggerra/Brisbane, Kaurna/Adelaide and Larrakia/Darwin.*

It has been a privilege to co-host our forums with the Children's Commissioner from each state and territory and to have the National Office of Child Safety present on the National strategy. We were joined by two keynote speakers, Associate Professor Elspeth McInnes AM and Dr Lesley-Anne Ey, who delivered findings from their research 'Parents knowledge, views and experiences of service responses to children's harmful sexual behaviours'.

The Changing Futures webinar series saw Miranda Bain, Director of Therapy Services at Act for Kids presenting an informative and thoughtful webinar titled 'Looking in before looking out – our values and harmful sexual behaviour.' We also saw a panel of presenters from QLD Police Child Abuse and Sexual Crime Group (Argos) present on the role QLD police plays in dealing with harmful sexual behaviours. Both webinars can be found on our website under the Changing Futures web portal.



### Upcoming Workshop and Forum dates

Western Australia	19/10/2022	New South Wales	09/11/2022	Victoria	30/11/2022
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## Riverina Schools Safety Presentations

Thanks to a generous donation, Bruce and Denise were able to deliver their Child Safety school presentation to students from nine Riverina schools as part of the Kids Safe Tour. Tommy Barnes, who grew up in the Riverina area, donated his wages to ensure this vitally important Kids Safe Tour presentation was offered to Riverina students. Thank you Tommy!

Bruce and Denise were thrilled to see the enthusiasm of the students who attended from Jerilderie, Oaklands, Finley, Berrigan, Blighty, Barooga, Tocomwal, Mayrunga and Finley schools dressing in red and joining in the fun to learn how to stay safe.



## Helping get our schools red, red, ready!

*We can't thank the amazing volunteers at Officeworks Loganholme enough.*

They worked tirelessly to get Day for Daniel resources packs ready to send to our registered schools to make sure they are red, red, ready for Day for Daniel on Friday 28 October. **Register now at [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au)**



## Our impact

*The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is committed to assisting child victims of crime on their journey to recovery.*

We have recently been able to:

- Assist children and young people by providing funds for the development of a Courage Kit for young children who are required to give evidence in court matters
- Provide a laptop for a 15 year old girl to continue their studies and were thrilled to hear that they had recently won a poetry competition
- Provide registration fee funds for a 15 year old boy to represent Australia in Rugby League
- Self-defence classes for a 14 year old boy
- Trauma-informed tutoring for a 10-year-old sibling of a murdered child
- Provide a therapeutic horse riding camp for a 12 year old girl.



## Top 5 Safety tips

Talking to children about personal boundaries and teaching them to tell a safety helper if someone tries to cross a boundary is very important.

Be alert to any adult who:

1. Doesn't respect your child's boundaries or listens when they say 'No'
2. Is excessively affectionate and ignores your child's signs of discomfort
3. Exposes your child to inappropriate content
4. Makes your child feel more special than others
5. Gives surprise gifts to your child.

Remind your child that they are the boss of their own body and that they can say 'No!' to anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



## Website refresh

You may have noticed something a little bit different lately...

We have been busy behind the scenes updating and refreshing our website. We have created a refreshed look and feel to the Daniel Morcombe website, with better user experience and easier to find resources.

We hope you love it and would love your feedback!

