



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson

Over 500,000 Australian students from more than 3,300 early learning centres, schools, home schools and households watched Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABC SL) live stream on Tuesday 5 September. The lessons educated children about consent, including the message of 'My body, my choice,' and provided strategies for seeking, giving, or denying consent.

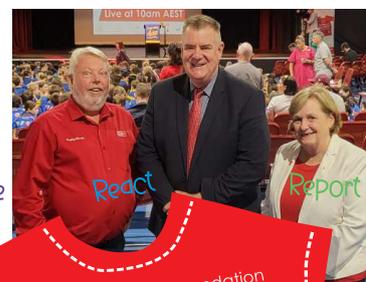
The upper lesson was launched at Ferny Grove State School where over 400 students were joined by Mark Furner MP for Ferny Grove, Christine Loos and Rosie Robinson from Queensland Department of Education, Luke Twyford the Chief Executive and Principal Commissioner at Queensland Family and Child Commission, Trending Media Australia and Upshot Studios who produced the lessons for the Foundation.

ABC SL lower animated lesson follows junior news reporters as they travel around Australia with Bruce and Denise to learn about consent. ABC SL upper lesson uses a talk show game format to incorporate realistic scenarios to teach upper primary children about consent.

ABC SL makes teaching personal safety easy with lesson plans and resources. If your class or child didn't watch this year's lesson, it is available on [danielmorcombe.com.au](http://danielmorcombe.com.au)

Image back row (left to right): Tracey McAsey, Emma Dunn, Naomi Ellis, Christine Loos, Grace Want, Michelle Cole, Amanda Morgan, Beth McNamara, Rosie Robinson, Janelle Butteris, Lauren Evans, Jordyn Francis, Ferny Grove P and C representative, Leanne Reid, Tess Rowley and Lyndsay Arling.

Front row (left to right) Mark Furner MP, Bruce Morcombe, Luke Twyford, Denise Morcombe, Zac Plotkin, Aleister King, John Hunt, Jesse Ellis, Aaron Lucas, Oli Hatfield, Manichan Puurand, Frank Rayner and Michelle Cooper.



Images (top to bottom, left to right): Grow Early Education in Darling Heights, St Mary's Primary School in Malvern East, St Patricks Primary School in Nanango, Grow Early Education in Darling Heights, Bruce Morcombe, Mark Furner MP, Denise Morcombe and ABC SL Launch at Ferny Grove State School.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation PRESENTS

**AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST**  
Child Safety Lesson  
**#ABC SL**



Coming up...

27 October 2023

Walk for Daniel  
Day for Daniel



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# Day for Daniel

Friday  
27 October 2023



There are so many ways businesses, schools and communities can participate in Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and encourages parents, carers, and educators to start a conversation with children about personal safety. Below are ways you or your workplace can get involved.

REGISTER NOW  
[danielmorcombe.com.au](http://danielmorcombe.com.au)



## My Walk for Daniel

My Walk for Daniel is an opportunity for communities, individuals or businesses to hold their own 4km Walk for Daniel during the month of October to walk and talk about child safety.

Lynda Meikle, a former Police Officer from WA was our top fundraiser last year, raising \$8,588 in the past two years by participating in a 24-hour run. She plans to exceed that amount this year. The Foundation appreciates individuals like Lynda who prioritise conversations about child safety.



To sign up, go to [mywalkfordaniel.com.au](http://mywalkfordaniel.com.au). The individual and team to raise the most funds will win prizes generously donated by Springfree Trampoline and The Good Guys.

## Walk for Daniel

Proudly supported by BOQ

The 19th annual Walk for Daniel on Friday, 27 October 2023, will launch the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's annual Day for Daniel. The Walk represents the route Daniel was unable to complete himself.

BOQ Maroochydore is proud to once again support the 4km walk. Nicholas Barker, Owner Manager of BOQ Maroochydore, has been a loyal supporter of the Foundation for the past four years. The BOQ Maroochydore team also recently volunteered to pack hundreds of envelopes for Day for Daniel, and their help was much appreciated.

Find out more about Walk for Daniel at [danielmorcombe.com.au/get-involved/join-us/walk-for-daniel](http://danielmorcombe.com.au/get-involved/join-us/walk-for-daniel)



## Many hands make light work

We are fortunate to have volunteers and businesses who lend their support each year for our biggest event of the year, Day for Daniel.

This year, we were thrilled to have 40 staff from The Lott, volunteer to help pack envelopes for Day for Daniel. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and with their assistance, we were able to complete this mammoth task.

Register your workplace for Day for Daniel at [danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel-workplace-registration/](http://danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel-workplace-registration/)





## Bright Futures travels to NT

The Bright Futures program recently travelled to Darwin and Alice Springs to continue their forum and workshop series. The program aims to help caregivers and frontline professionals identify risk factors and potential signs of abuse early, ensuring timely intervention and support for children.

The Bright Futures team were joined by Holly-Ann Martin OAM, Founder and Director of Safe4Kids, Maree Crabbe and Dr. Wenn Lawson who covered topics on protective education with a whole community approach and "Porn is not the norm: Young people, neurodivergence, and the impacts of porn."

To find out more about the Bright Futures project and register for a webinar, workshop or forum go to [danielmorcombe.com.au](http://danielmorcombe.com.au)

### Keeping Kids Safe Podcast

Our podcast series features practical insights on how to teach your child safety in the world today.



Follow and listen

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### Next Webinar

18 October 2023 1pm

**The importance of a contextual approach in the prevention and treatment of harmful sexual behaviours**

Register now

[danielmorcombe.com.au/bright-futures/bright-futures-webinars/](http://danielmorcombe.com.au/bright-futures/bright-futures-webinars/)

Join the Community of Practice to watch previous webinars at [bright-futures.com.au](http://bright-futures.com.au)

### Upcoming Workshops

- OCT 12** Canberra
- NOV 16** Adelaide
- NOV 21** Hobart
- DEC 06** Perth

## Keeping Kids Safe: School Visits

Child Safety School Presentations are a crucial aspect of the foundation's work to help educate kids. My body belongs to me and recognise, react and report are some of the most important child safety messages children can learn. Our Child Safety School Presentation teaches this in a highly engaging way.

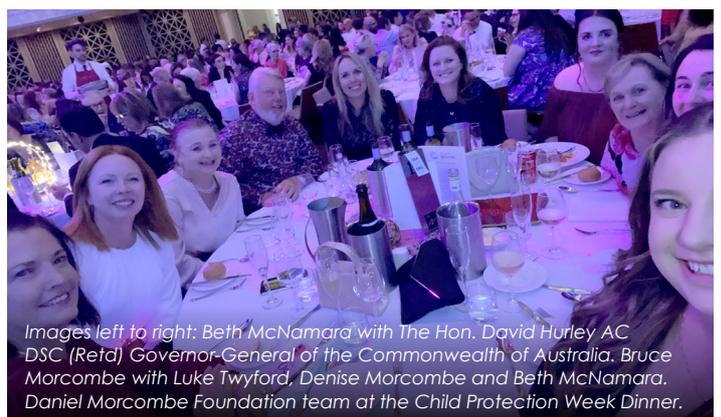
Between July and September, we travelled around Queensland to do our Child Safety School Presentation to Hercules Road State School, Yeronga State School, Howard State School, Gympie West State School, Maryborough West State School and Holy Family Primary School in Indooroopilly.

**Like us to do a Child Safety Presentation at your school?** Request the school Principal email [admin@danielmorcombe.com.au](mailto:admin@danielmorcombe.com.au)



## Protecting Children is everybody's business

National Child Protection Week and Queensland Child Protection Week was held from 3-9 September. Child safety professionals, early learning centres, schools, businesses, and communities all participated in this important week by organising or participating in events to raise awareness. Staff from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation hosted and attended various events, including our own Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, National Child Protection Week Launch at Kirribilli House in Sydney, Queensland Child Protection Week Awards at Parliament House in Brisbane and the Queensland Child Protection Week Dinner at Brisbane City Hall.



Images left to right: Beth McNamara with The Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia. Bruce Morcombe with Luke Twyford, Denise Morcombe and Beth McNamara. Daniel Morcombe Foundation team at the Child Protection Week Dinner.

# Big Hearts

We'd like to express our gratitude to all businesses and individuals who support our cause and highlight the positive impacts of donations.

## Wishes by Wyndham

We were delighted to welcome Sarah and Cassandra from Wishes by Wyndham, the philanthropic arm of Wyndham Destinations Asia Pacific, to Daniel House in July. Wishes by Wyndham focuses on helping children in need and we were thrilled to learn that we were the recipients of their latest fundraising efforts. Their staff, Club Wyndham South Pacific Owners, vendors, and the organisation, Wishes by Wyndham raised an exceptional \$49,800.23 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.



## Heritage Bank Palmwoods

Local programs like the 2023 Palmwoods Community Sponsorship program by Heritage Bank Palmwoods, helps communities thrive. The Foundation was fortunate to receive \$4000 from the program which has helped purchase two marquees for community events. We attended an evening with all the recipients at the Palmwoods Hotel to celebrate in Tiki style.



## Comiskey Family Foundation

Since 2015, the Comiskey Family Foundation has been supporting our mission to empower kids, carers, and educators with the tools they need to keep children safe. This year, the Comiskey Family Foundation once again made an End of Financial Year (EOFY) donation to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Their generous contribution will allow us to continue providing free resources to communities across Australia.



# Top 4 Safety tips

## Communicating About Consent

1. Respectful communication about consent can help children assert their right to comfort and safety.
2. Conversations around consent should be ongoing and can be weaved into everyday scenarios. For example, "Do you want a hug goodbye today? We could also wave or high-five."
3. Always ask for and respect consent. Observe the person's response and be aware that it can change. Look for an enthusiastic "yes".
4. If someone crosses your boundaries without consent, seek help from a safety helper. Help your child identify their safety network by completing the My Safety Network Activity [danielmorcombe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DMF\\_Report\\_Safety\\_Network-4.pdf](https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/DMF_Report_Safety_Network-4.pdf)



Kids Help Line  
1800 55 1800

Police  
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# THE Red Ball

18 NOVEMBER 2023

THEREDBALL.COM.AU

6.30pm - 11pm

The Diamond Ballroom,  
at The Langham  
on the Gold Coast



Keeping kids safe!

3 course meal with  
drinks package and  
live entertainment.

Live auction, silent auction  
and raffles.

ALL proceeds from tickets, auctions and raffles  
will be donated to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT  
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TICKETS \$250.00 PP OR  
\$2,400 FOR A TABLE OF TEN

To learn more about consent including how to seek, give or deny consent, check out the ABCSL 2023 lessons [danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe/keeping-kids-safe/australias-biggest-child-safety-lesson/](https://www.danielmorcombe.com.au/keeping-kids-safe/keeping-kids-safe/australias-biggest-child-safety-lesson/)