



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## We're counting down to our 20th Day for Daniel

Register your school or ELC!



Register your workplace!

Join us for our milestone 20th Day for Daniel on Friday 25 October, by registering your school, early learning centre or workplace for Australia's largest child safety education and awareness day.

Day for Daniel honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe and encourages brave conversations about child safety.

Australians are urged to **WEAR RED**, **educate** and **DONATE** for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Day for Daniel, and conduct child safety activities focused on keeping kids safe.

For red-themed ideas for your Day for Daniel, take a look at the Foundation's Facebook and Instagram pages where we're sharing 20 red-themed crafts, DIY activities and recipes that are perfect for workplaces, schools or early learning centres.

Community support is key to the Foundation's success, with donations funding our award-winning Keeping Kids Safe resources.

Help us make our 20th Day for Daniel a success!



Check out @danielmorcombefoundation on socials to get your red inspo for Day for Daniel!

## Coming up...

17 October 2024  
Bright Futures  
ACT Workshop

23 October 2024  
Bright Futures  
Webinar 7, 1PM

25 October 2024  
Walk for Daniel  
Day for Daniel



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# Students say an enthusiastic yes to ABCSL 2024!

Classrooms around Australia tuned in for Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, which was all about enthusiastic consent!



The Daniel Morcombe Foundation's eighth annual ABCSL was livestreamed to classrooms on Tuesday 3 September, during National Child Protection Week, to deliver important education to students about how to stay safe.

Bruce and Denise Morcombe said it was a privilege to deliver Australia's largest and most influential child safety lesson.

The Foundation launched ABCSL 2024 with a special ceremony at Manly State School in Brisbane.

"This is Daniel's legacy making a real difference," Denise said.

The plug-in-and-play lesson is designed to take the fear and difficulty out of teaching personal safety.

The lessons teach students the difference between consent and enthusiastic consent, the signs of grooming or 'suss behaviours,' body boundaries, respectful relationships and how to report to safety helpers.



The lessons were created with input from stakeholders including the Australian Federal Police's ACCCE, child safety academics, the DMF Board Members, and prep and primary school-aged children.

The video lessons and resources are free to view and download via our website or the QR code.



## BOQ proudly supports Walk for Daniel

The 20th annual Walk for Daniel on Friday 25 October 2024 will launch the Daniel Morcombe Foundation's annual Day for Daniel.

The 4km walk from Suncoast Chrisitan College to Briggs Park represents the route that Daniel was unable to complete for himself.

BOQ Maroochydore is proud to support the event once again. BOQ Maroochydore Owner Manager Nicholas Barker has been a loyal supporter of the Foundation for more than five years.

The BOQ Maroochydore team also volunteers to help pack hundreds of envelopes for Day for Daniel for registered workplaces, schools and early learning centres.

Read more about Walk for Daniel on our website or scan the QR code



## Packing with The Lott!

*It's true what they say, many hands make light work!*

Thanks to the team at The Lott for generously helping us pack and send out almost 7,000 Day for Daniel registration packs to schools and early learning centres around Australia.

Even with the huge task at hand there were plenty of smiles and laughs throughout the day.



## Join Bright Futures in-person or online

*The Daniel Morcombe Foundation's Bright Futures workshops, forums and webinars are making the latest research and education in harmful sexual behaviours more accessible than ever.*

The educational program aimed at frontline professionals recently delivered workshops and forums in the Northern Territory, Tasmania, and South Australia.

One recent attendee said: "After 24 years in my job and a lot of training throughout that time, I still learnt more ... We are using what we learnt every day in consults and decision making around the kids we work with."

With experts from the sector as guest presenters, the free workshops, forums and webinars explore the latest research on how to prevent, identify and respond to children displaying and impacted by harmful sexual behaviours.

Upcoming events include a workshop and forum in the Australian Capital Territory in October, a forum in Hobart in November and a workshop and forum in Western Australia in December.



Professor Carlene Firmin

Join online for our monthly webinars – with October's featuring Professor Jeremy Prichard who is discussing how online pop-up messages can be used as an early intervention strategy for cyber-sex offending.

Meanwhile, the final Keeping Kids Safe - A Bright Futures Podcast for the 2024 season was released with an insightful episode featuring Professor Carlene Firmin.

Professor Firmin shared her insight into how creating safe spaces throughout communities is pivotal to child safety.

Visit the Daniel Morcombe Foundation website to register for the free webinars, workshops and forums.

### Upcoming events:

Wednesday 16 October | ACT Forum

Thursday 17 October | ACT Workshop

Wednesday 23 October | Webinar 7, 1pm



(Above) Speakers and guests at the Bright Futures NT workshop.

Find out more, and register for Bright Futures events here:



## Creating new resources

*The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was honoured to gather with Catholic Education Western Australia and the Australian Centre for Child Protection in Perth to help co-design world-first training and resource material.*

Designed for educators, these materials will help to identify and respond to children displaying and impacted by harmful sexual behaviours.



## Supporting National Child Protection Week

*The Daniel Morcombe Foundation was proud to once again support National Child Protection Week, with this year's theme 'Every conversation matters'.*

These conversations include, but are not limited to, children and their caregivers, children and their peers, families with teachers, doctors and other professionals, and friends or neighbours.

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation has a range of free tools and resources available online to help you start a conversation about child safety.

Why not start with talking about your child's Safety Team, or create a family password?

Visit [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au) or scan the QR code for free resources and information, or visit [napcan.org.au/ncpw](http://napcan.org.au/ncpw)



## Welcome to our new General Manager

The Daniel Morcombe Foundation is proud to announce its newly appointed General Manager, Cheryl Schmidt.

Cheryl joins the Foundation following an extensive career as an executive leader in community services, strategic planning, and policy development sectors.

Working closely with Bruce and Denise, Cheryl said she was excited to join the Foundation during the celebrations of its 20th year.

"I am looking forward to working together with Denise, Bruce, the Board and the team to achieve even more success in the years to come," she said.

While the Foundation's 20th year is a huge milestone, the important work of keeping kids safe remains the top priority.



## Safety tips

This year's ABCSL is all about enthusiastic consent!

See below for the definitions of the key concepts explored during the video lesson.

Visit [DanielMorcombe.com.au](http://DanielMorcombe.com.au) to view the lesson for free and download class materials.

- 1. What is enthusiastic consent?**  
Permission that has been given truly, freely, and wholeheartedly without any boundaries being blurred or crossed.
- 2. What are body boundaries?**  
The invisible line around your body that you are the boss of.
- 3. What are blurred boundaries?**  
When someone pressures, tricks, or rushes you to consent.
- 4. What are crossed boundaries?**  
When someone crosses your boundaries without consent.

## Glamorous night at the Red Ball on the Gold Coast

The second annual Gold Coast Red Ball was a glamorous night for a great cause, with all funds raised going towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.



Bruce and Denise Morcombe enjoyed a night out at The Red Ball.

Foundation supporters, the Parsons family of Total Property Group, generously held the fundraising dinner on the Gold Coast on Saturday 7 September, following the success of the 2023 event.

More than 300 guests were treated to an elegant evening with an incredible array of auction items, as well as a fantastic performance by award-winning pop music duo The Veronicas.

The evening raised close to \$200,000 for the Foundation.



Karen and Adrian Parsons.

Our sincere thanks to Total Property Group for hosting the wonderful night.

We are grateful to the Parsons for their commitment to Keeping Kids Safe.



The Veronicas had the crowd on their feet!

THE Red Ball

