

# The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum

The Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum is a program run at Sacred Heart to support our school and teachers in the promotion of safety for all our students from Prep to Year Six.

The program was developed by the Department of Education, Training and Employment in consultation with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation and is supported by Brisbane Catholic Education and the Federation of Parents & Friends Association of Catholic Schools in Queensland.

## Key Learning Objectives

The Curriculum is run over 9 sessions that are held during Pastoral Care time across Term 2 and 3. The Curriculum is structured developmentally across phases of learning:

- Prep to Year 2; and
- Years 3 to 6.

This Curriculum includes lessons about personal safety and awareness, cyber-safety and telephone safety. The lessons aim to develop student knowledge and skills to recognise, react to and report unsafe situations:

<b>RECOGNISE</b>	Students learn to recognise safe and unsafe situations and safety clues.
<b>REACT</b>	Students learn strategies that may help them to become safe or to keep themselves safe.
<b>REPORT</b>	Students learn to report unsafe situations and unsafe phone and online incidents.

## Benefits of safety education: Why teach child safety?

- Recognises limits to adults' ability to supervise children 24/7.
- Empowers students to take an active role in managing their own safety.

## Benefits of safety education: What does the research say?

- Lower rates of victimisation.
- Less likely to blame themselves if they have been harmed.
- More likely to tell someone when they have been harmed.

*Johnson, B (2008); Finkelhor, D (2007).*

## Resources for parents

A Parent Guide for the Prep to Year 2 (Early Years) and Years 3 to 6 phases is available online at [www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/child-safety-curriculum)

The guide outlines what students will be learning in the safety lessons in school. It also provides advice to parents about how safety messages can be reinforced at home and suggests some suitable resources to use with.