



# AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST CHILD SAFETY LESSON

Today students in Years K-3 participated in the early years Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, and Years 4-6 participated in the upper primary Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson, which were both presented by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This year's lesson focused on the concept of 'my body, my choice' and the strategies children can use when they need to seek, give or deny consent. Communicating about consent in a respectful way can help children assert their right to stay comfortable and enforce their right to stay safe. The rights of a child recognises that all children have the right to bodily autonomy; and the right to make choices about what others ask them to do with and to their bodies.

The K-3 lesson used animated journalists who travelled to a variety of locations in Australia to explore the following questions:

- What is consent (permission)?
- Why do we ask for consent?
- How can we ask for consent?
- How can we say no?
- How can we hear no?
- How can we say yes?

In each location, a scenario was explored to teach students important skills. The vocabulary of consent and permission were used interchangeably to support students' understanding of the concept of consent, and to allow students to relate it to everyday situations where they already give or deny permission.

The Years 4-6 lesson used a talk-show format incorporating a range of realistic scenarios to teach students about consent, and to provide practical strategies for seeking, giving and denying consent. Definitions of consent were explored, along with realistic scenarios to help students understand that consent is more complicated than a simple 'yes' or 'no'. The following learning areas and content were explored through the lesson:

- What is consent?
- Why do we ask for consent?
- How to ask for consent.
- How to say no and how to hear no.
- How to say yes.
- Online consent.

The lessons were delivered in age appropriate, empowering ways and correct anatomical terms for body parts were used.

For more information on how to keep children safe, please visit [www.danielmorcombe.com.au](http://www.danielmorcombe.com.au)

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Kind Regards,  
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