

Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum



Fact sheet for parents

The Department of Education, in partnership with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, has developed the *Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Curriculum* (the Curriculum) for Queensland students.

The Curriculum consists of classroom lessons across three phases of learning: Prep—Year 2, Years 3—6, and Years 7—9.

The Curriculum, available to all Queensland schools, aims to develop student knowledge and skills to recognise, react to and report unsafe situations.

The Curriculum is aligned with existing curriculum frameworks and was developed in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders including Queensland Child Safety Ambassadors Bruce and Denise Morcombe.

How the curriculum will be taught

The Curriculum is based around three key messages: **Recognise**, **React** and **Report**.

- The **Recognise** message encourages students to be aware of their surroundings and to recognise warning clues.
- The **React** message helps students to consider choices that may keep them safe or help make them safe again as quickly as possible.
- The **Report** message encourages students to report unsafe incidents to an adult.

Teachers use a variety of materials, including interactive whiteboard activities, worksheets and safety books, to deliver the **Recognise**, **React** and **Report** messages. Developmentally appropriate scenarios are also being used to explore and discuss safety situations that children and young people may encounter in the home, at school or in their environment.

Students are encouraged to share the resources they complete in class with their families to help keep parents informed about the content being discussed and to promote discussion about safety in the home.

Resources for parents

Parent Guides for each of the phases are available online at <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/daniel-morcombe>

The guide outlines what students will learn 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 children.

More information

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