

Parent/Caregiver letter



Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson 2025

Your child will soon be taking part in this year's **Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson (ABCSL)** created by the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. ABCSL 2025 is all about **Safe Spaces** - creating safer environments for children in online and offline spaces.

Our ABCSL resource for Upper Primary (years 4 – 6) explores how chatbots and AI companions can influence children's lives and the spaces where they spend time. The content of ABCSL is evidence-informed, trauma informed and age-appropriate. Teaching children to think critically about the spaces they spend their time in - both online and offline - helps them to recognise, react and report unsafe situations.

The lesson aligns to the Australian Curriculum Version 9.0, focusing on Digital Literacy capabilities and Health and Physical Education content descriptors which aim to give students the knowledge and skills to adapt to evolving technologies and develop strategies to help protect themselves and others in digital environments.

The Australian eSafety Commissioner reports that in early 2025, over 100 AI companions are currently available. Many AI companions are free and promote friendship, emotional support and romantic companionship. They learn and adapt their interaction based on what users tell them. Reports indicate that some children and youth spend hours daily interacting with these chatbots, frequently discussing sensitive topics like sex and self-harm.

Continuing Conversations

We understand that discussing such sensitive topics can be challenging for both parents and educators. However, we hope the ABCSL 2025 resource will provide a starting point for important conversations about safety online with your child.

Some questions that can continue the conversation include:

- Do you think there's a difference between what happens online and what happens in person?
- Would you like to show me how to play some of the games you play online?
- Have you felt worried or unsafe when you've been online?
- Do you talk to people online? How do you know them?
- What are some body clues someone might have if they feel unsafe online?
- Do you feel comfortable talking to me or another adult if you ever feel unsafe?

These conversations are ongoing and will change as children grow and experience different environments. You can find more resources to support ongoing discussions here:

[Conversation Cards - The Daniel Morcombe Foundation](#)

[Think You Know Conversation Cards](#)

If you have any concerns or questions regarding ABCSL, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and address any queries you may have.

For more information on how to keep kids safe, please visit: www.danielmorcombe.com.au

Thank you,

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