TAKING IT TO THE STREE

Morcombes and AFP embark on child safety tour

PETER HALL LAUREN MARTYN-JONES

BRUCE and Denise Morcombe will team up with the launch a new education pro-

dangers of sexting.

Mr Morcombe said sexting posed an "incredible Morcombe Foundation's to checking what children danger to young people and Tweed to the Territory tour were being exposed to, the alarming trend would will visit more than 20 teachers played a role, but form a key part of a two-week Tweed to the Territory child safety tour the Daniel over the next fortnight, beweek lweed to the lethics state of stat aunch today in Brisbane pine Christian College north with the AFP of Brisbane

we have not seen the full implications," he said.

"The willingness of youn-"The will have young young

graphs and share them in which is October 28.

what they think is a humorous way can be very damaging.
"They do not understand

The tour then heads

tour would include talks to students during the day as the implications of that sup-posed harmless act, but it can affect their mental state and embarrassment, the effects can be more far-reaching."

The AFP and the series on line grooming, sexting, privacy and inappropriate online behaviours.

he said. "Would a responsible par-

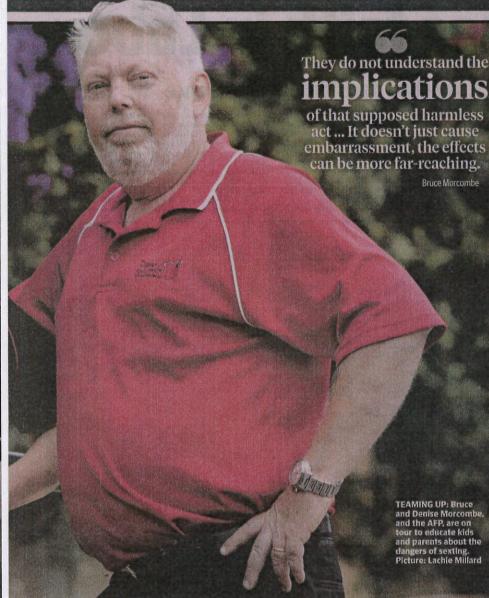
Mr Morcombe said the unwould include talks to safeguards in place.

"Kids being kids want to

explore, but what they are being exposed to normalises the obscure and bizarre and is giving them a different perspective on what is nor-mal in the world." The AFP's co-ordinator

of crime operations in Queensland Glen Fisher said federal police were proud to continue working closely with the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to deliver presentations

"From a policing perspective, prevention of crime is key." Detec-Daniel, see it? No they wouldn't. But tive Su they leave a mobile phone Fisher said.



National effort to protect children

Bruce Morcombe

TEAMING UP: Bruce and Denise Morcombe, and the AFP, are on

tour to educate kids and parents about the

langers of sexting. Picture: Lachie Millard

A NATIONAL program de-

gram educates parents, carers, teachers and students about cyber safety, including the dangers of sexting. Justice Minister Michael

Keenan told Parliament yes-terday that last year the AFP received more than 11,000 reports of online child exploi-

"Predators can be very clever at exploiting young people online so it is vital and important that we show the risks that our kids face, how they might be exposed to these risks and how we will go about minimisple also about where to report

problems," Mr Keenan said. A partnership between the AFP, state and territory police and corporations including the Commonwealth Bank and

MATTHEW CONNORS
NATIONAL POLITICAL REPORTER
and students in Queensland.

"As a result of the success of A NATIONAL program designed to warn of the dangers of sexting and online child exploitation is being expanded to include children as young as eight.

The Australian Federal Police "ThinkUKnow" produced to the partnership to begin educating children, unfortunately from the partnership to begin educating the partnership to begin educating the partnership to begin educating the partnership to begin education. as young as eight," Mr Keenan

He said the AFP is working to expand the program to indi-genous and culturally diverse munities and Australian with a disability.

In Queensland, 132 volun-teers are helping to deliver the ThinkUKnow program across the state. Over the next fortnight, it will be delivered as part of the AFP and Daniel Morcombe Foundation's "Tweed to the Territory" tour

across Queensland.

A spokesman for the AFP said stopping online child ex-ploitation was a whole-of-community issue, which started with education to protect and

empower young people.
The AFP said if anyone who was a victim or believed their child to be a victim, should talk Microsoft, the ThinkUKnow child to be a victim, should talk program has been delivered to more than 150,000 students in Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

GENERATION SEXT FORUM IT'S TIME TO TALK

Get involved in The Courier-Mail/ Qld Government forum tackling the issue of sexting.

We're looking for people to take part as members of the audience. The forum will be

held next Thursday, at the State Library of Queensland from 6pm. The panel will feature Education Minister Kate Jones, Argos chief John Rouse, and Queensland Children's

Commissioner Cheryl Vardon and will be moderated by Frances Whiting.

To attend, register at Places are limited.



SCHOOL CULTURE: Luke Crowley, Chloe Ryan-Uhlich, and Matilda Knight, all 15, were schooled in appropriate standards when they joined QACI. Picture: Claudia Baxter

BOOTCAMP BUILDS BONDS OF TRUST BETWEEN STUDENTS

LAUREN MARTYN-JONES

THE first thing Year 10 students do when they start at the Queensland Academies -Creative Industries campus is head off to a three-day camp to learn about the importance of respectful relationship

With 14 and 15 year olds moving into the selective senhigh school from other schools across the state, the getaway is essential to quickly miliarise students with the school's culture and the standards of behaviour they are expected to demonstrate towards

high school students are sat down for a technological in-duction, where standards of appropriate online behaviour also reinforced.

What can young people do2

If an image of yourself appears on

move it and delete copies. Ill If you need support, talk to someone you trust or seek help Kids Helpline is a great resource ots and noting web addresses of Kids Helpline is a great resource content. You can also use another Let your friends know if your

sexting and cyber-bullying before they became a problem in the school.

portant for us. We have theatre, film and visual arts are also reinforced.

QACI principal Gavin

Bryce said the intensive initiation process enabled the school to address issues such as

Mr Bryce said the school culture was prioritised before learning occurred and that helped to positively shape the behaviour of students from their first day of school.

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