

Empowering Children to protect themselves

In light of the Royal Commission

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Tuesday June 20th 2017

9am-12pm

The Heath Centre
St Andrew's Cathedral School
Level 5, St Andrew's House
Sydney Square

Bookings essential

(no charge, morning tea provided)

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It is a sobering reality that in Australia 1 in 4 children will be abused before they turn 18 and most of these children will never speak about it!

The recent Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Data project for the Anglican Church noted that the average age for a child to be abused was approximately 11 years old.

While there is no foolproof system for protecting children and young people, schools can contribute significantly to the personal safety of children and the empowerment needed to disclose abuse when it occurs.

This workshop will highlight how schools can develop protective mechanisms in children to prevent child abuse occurring and empower them to speak out.

These measures teach the child to seek appropriate help when they are not feeling safe.

The workshop will include the following topics.

1. How the Royal Commission is shaping the child protection landscape for institutions and particularly schools.
2. Why it is imperative for protective behaviours to be taught early, from pre-school years and throughout adolescence.
3. Educational programs to assist children to be safe from all forms of unsafe and hostile situations in which they may find themselves.

Under the Education Act NSW 1990 all non-government schools are responsible for providing a safe and supportive environment for students. A key component of developing such an environment is educating all members of the school community about issues of personal safety including students. As such this workshop is a must for school principals and key staff in Primary and Secondary schools and should not be missed.

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Andrea Musulin is the Director of the WA Child Protection Society and spent 30 years with WA Police before taking up the role of Director of the Safeguarding Program for the Perth Catholic Archdiocese. During her time with WA Police she specialised in the areas of child protection and domestic violence. As a sworn officer, Andrea gained extensive experience in responding to sexually abused children and a large part of her career has been spent developing programs designed to protect children.

For the past 22 years Andrea has been heavily involved with Protective Behaviours WA, a not-for-profit educational organisation, and has written and co-written several resources that are now used by the WA Department of Education, Independent Schools Association of WA (including Anglican schools) and the Catholic Education Office of WA.

Andrea is regarded as a powerful and dynamic presenter and a successful advocate and innovator in the prevention of child sexual abuse. In 2011 Andrea was inducted into the WA International Women's Hall of Fame as a leader and pioneer in the child protection industry.

Lachlan Bryant is the Director of the Professional Standards Unit (PSU) for the Anglican Diocese of Sydney. The PSU deals with complaints of professional misconduct and is responsible for the safe ministry training and policies across the Diocese. Lachlan recently appeared before the Royal Commission and has gained considerable insights into its work.

