

Bravehearts

Educate Empower Protect
Our Kids

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Who is Bravehearts?

- ♥ Brisbane based charity (branches across four states) founded in 1997 by Hetty Johnston.
- ♥ Bravehearts' mission is to make Australia the safest place in the world to raise a child.
- ♥ We believe in the importance of taking a holistic approach to addressing this crime in our communities. To truly break the silence we need to engage and collaborate with;
 - Survivors
 - Individuals
 - Communities
 - Organisations
 - Governments



Bravehearts Programs

Our programs are modeled around “3 Piers to Prevention”

- ♥ Educate
 - ♥ Empower
 - ♥ Protect
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- ♥ In the last 12 months Bravehearts have trained over 1000 professionals from varied roles on matters relating to child sexual assault both online and face to face
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- ♥ Ditto’s Keep Safe Adventure has been delivered to almost 350,000 children nationally since beginning in 2005



Our work

- ♥ Counselling, advocacy and support
- ♥ Education and prevention programs
- ♥ Training workshops
- ♥ Research and lobbying
- ♥ White Balloon Day
- ♥ Risk Management
- ♥ Royal Commission
- ♥ Sexual Assault Disclosure Scheme (SADS)
- ♥ Information publications



Education Program

DITTO'S KEEP SAFE ADVENTURE

- ♥ Parent/Teacher Information Session
- ♥ Ditto Keep Safe Adventure Show (DKSA)
- ♥ Activity Book
- ♥ Ditto in a Box



*Ditto is Bravehearts' mascot lion cub
for lower primary and childcare education*

Parent/Teacher Information Session

- ♥ Conducted on the day of the show prior to the performance.
- ♥ Half hour duration allowing for questions – subject to school availability.
- ♥ Includes what to expect from the education program, signs to look out for and how to respond to a child that has disclosed.

Disclosure Response Checklist

▶ LISTEN

Listen carefully to all that they say.

▶ AFFIRM

Tell the child that you believe them.

▶ DON'T BLAME

Let the child know that what has happened is not their fault.

▶ ENCOURAGE

Tell the child that they are not responsible for the assault and that you understand it must have been very hard for them to tell.

▶ SAFETY

Let the child know that you will do everything in your power to help them.

▶ DOCUMENT

Write everything down, using the child's own words as best you can, include behaviours and any things they have said previously that may have hinted at the assault.

▶ CHECK

☑ Check your school's policy on reporting disclosures.

▶ ACT

☑ In the best interests of the child, report the disclosure to your State's statutory child protection authority or the Police.



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Dittos Keep Safe Adventure Show

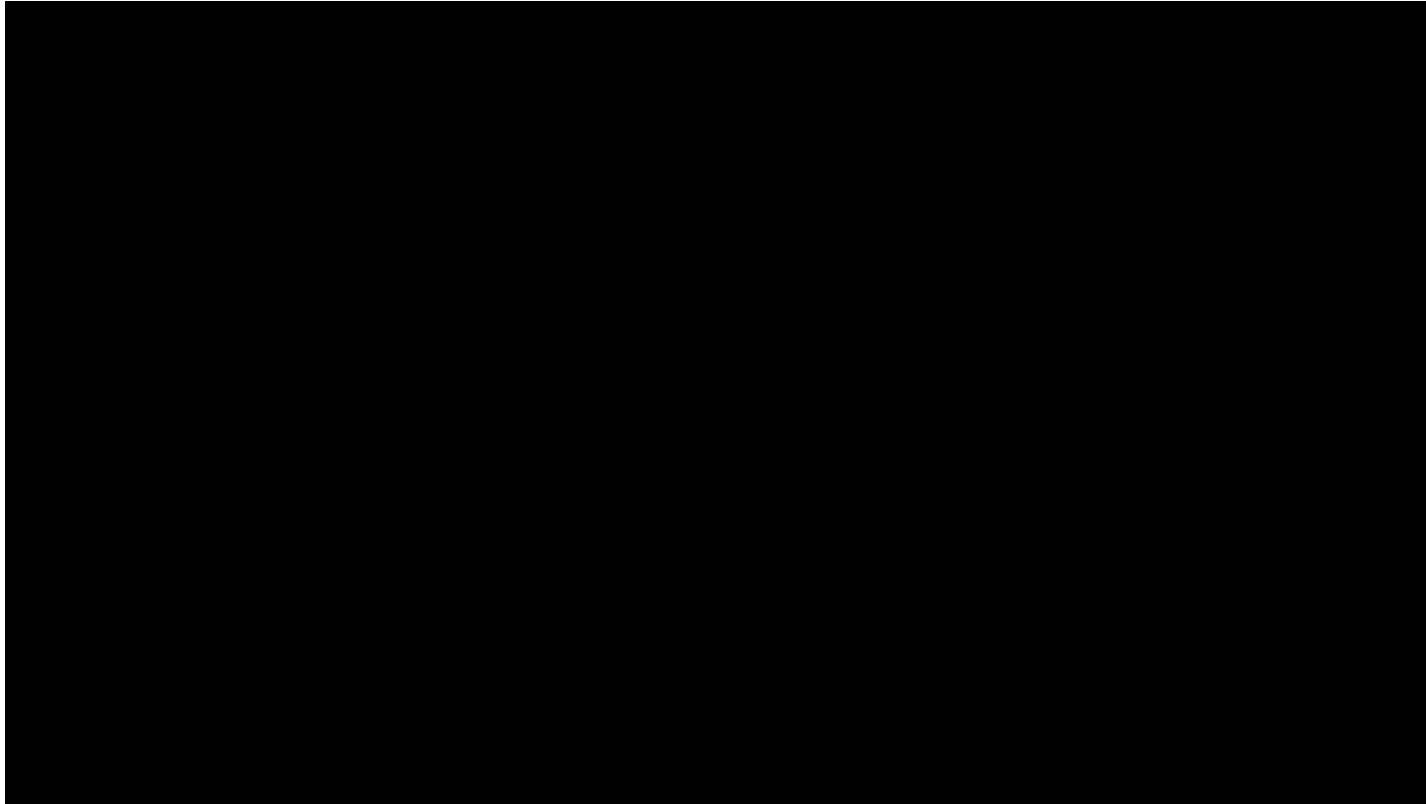


Activity Book

- ♥ Helps to reinforce key messages learned in the show.
- ♥ May be used in the classroom by the teacher to evaluate what was learned in the show.
- ♥ To be taken home so key messages can be shared with parents/carers.



Ditto in a Box – Teacher’s Infomercial



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