

DANIEL PRINCIPE
Youth Advocate & Educator



Daniel is a passionate youth advocate and educator. He champions boys across Australia to challenge culture and aspire to live courageous, respectful and empathetic lives.

Daniel is a board member of the DART Institute, an ambassador for the Women's Resilience Centre and an ambassador for the national campaign Consent Can't Wait. He was recently a nominee for the 2025 NSW Australian of the Year.

Having presented to tens of thousands of young people in every Australian state and territory, Daniel is no stranger to the complex challenges that our distracted digital world presents in adolescence. By partnering with schools and communities, Daniel encourages young people to recognise and resist distorted attitudes towards bodies, relationships and sex. He invites his audiences to instead aspire to healthy relationships built on mutual respect and empathy.

Daniel is a regular guest on TV, radio and podcasts to discuss healthy masculinity, consent, respectful relationships and the cultural challenges young people are facing. None of these evolving challenges sway Daniel's confidence that all young people can flourish if we create spaces for them to be their best selves.



Parent & Community

Young people today are navigating a distracted, digital world. From hyper-sexualised content to toxic influencers, these online forces permeate into the surrounding popular culture, sometimes causing young people to act out in harmful ways towards themselves and others. Amid these challenges, we also know that youth are capable of living courageously, leading lives of empathy, respect and kindness. But this shift doesn't just happen. Young people need our help to sensitively unpack the messages they receive about topics like consent, porn culture, stereotypes, relationships and sexuality.

During my parent and community presentations, we gently confront the elephants in the room to get to the heart of what really matters to young people. These sessions intentionally bring caregivers and community leaders together. With care and

clarity, I provide reflective tools we can use to help young people analyse and challenge the culture around them. I unpack what the latest academic research reveals about how the current social and cultural forces are affecting young people's wellbeing and their relationships.

Grounded in evidence, we then explore practical ways to equip our young people to become more aware of the people and ideas influencing their behaviour and growing identities. We discuss how to instil the importance of not only consent, but of building respectful and empathetic relationships into adulthood.

These sessions are carefully tailored to each group's specific needs. I work with all types of schools – state, independent, private, primary, middle and secondary, as well as universities.

TESTIMONIALS

“Your compassion for our boys is so needed.”

MAGGIE DENT, PARENTING EDUCATOR &
AUTHOR OF 'FROM BOYS TO MEN'

“Daniel’s authenticity and ability to connect with both students and adults were truly impressive. From the moment he started speaking, it was clear that his passion for helping teenagers navigate the challenges they encounter in today’s world was palpable, and it resonated with everyone in the audience. Daniel’s genuine and empathetic approach had the kids hanging on to every word and there has been a clear change in the school’s culture since his presentation.”

MIKE WEGGELAAR, STUDENT SUPPORT COORDINATOR,
MORLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

“I learnt to respect women and how to be a more complete man.”

SAM, STUDENT, KUYPER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, NSW

TESTIMONIALS

“You had the young men in the room at the palm of your hand, guiding them on a journey of learning and self-awareness. Our young men walked away all the better for the time they spent with you.”

TAMMY HAWKINS, HEAD OF STUDENTS,
ST PHILIP'S COLLEGE, ALICE SPRINGS

“Hi Daniel. You spoke at my school today and I really enjoyed your talk. You spoke about such difficult topics in a way that shocked us with the reality of them without making them a reflection on us as young men in Australia and I just wanted to personally thank you for what you did today. I hope to take what you said into consideration into my life and begin my journey as a decent, courageous and brave young man.”

JAMIE, STUDENT, ROUSE HILL ANGLICAN COLLEGE



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