

KIDS Foundation

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What's been happening at KIDS Foundation?

In Victoria, our 2025 SeeMore Kindness Program – proudly funded by The Flora and Frank Leith Charitable Trust – is in full swing! Nick and Jen have been busy taking SeeMore on the road, visiting kinders across the state to deliver both the Kindness Program and our regular SeeMore Safety Incursions.

So far, we've reached kinders not only in Ballarat but also in Bacchus Marsh, Melton, Geelong, Bendigo, Frankston, Dandenong, Mentone, and beyond. Meanwhile, our incredible educators in NSW and QLD have also been hard at work, building strong community connections, expanding the reach of the SeeMore Safety Program, and reinforcing the vital importance of safety education for young children.

In NSW, Jackie has been working tirelessly to expand our community reach. This growth has been fuelled by active involvement in local events, including the Lake Macquarie 'You're Kidding' Expo and our Mini Ninja Day, both fantastic opportunities to raise awareness of our programs while engaging families and educators.

Recently, Hamilton Community Preschool took a creative step by sending their SeeMore mascot on a 'Camp Teddy' adventure. Camp Teddy, run by Umbrella Hearts, is dedicated to promoting child protection and safety within the community. During the camp, SeeMore joined in a variety of activities, with letters sent home to share updates on his adventures – bringing learning and safety messages to life for children and families.



Our Equine Program has also been in full swing, with Shae and Naomi travelling across Victoria to share the magic of Carm and Eleven Eleven with kinders.

The ponies (and our team) have also been a highlight of the Connecting Generations Program, which has been a resounding success. This initiative brings children and aged care residents together once a month at a shared venue, creating special moments of joy, connection, and learning across generations.



Where has SeeMore been lately?

Using our KIDS Foundation SeeMore Safety App, SeeMore has been able to travel around not only in Australia, but also around the world! So far this year, SeeMore has been sighted in the following locations!!

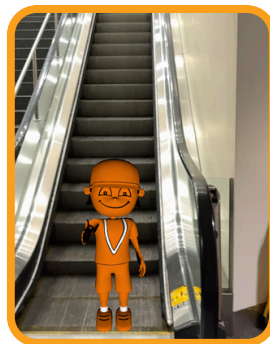
Follow the link below or scan the QR Code to get the SeeMore Safety App and help spread SeeMore's safety messages in your classroom!
<https://apps.apple.com/au/app/seemore-safety/id1576785730>



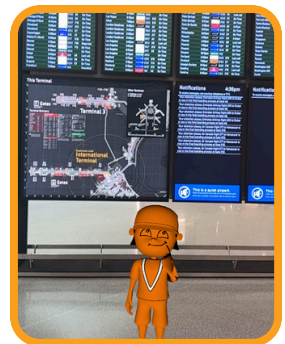
SeeMore standing too close to the platform edge



SeeMore at Bondi Beach after doing the City 2 Surf



SeeMore being careful next to the escalators



SeeMore looking at the flight board at the airport



SeeMore at the Presidio in San Francisco



SeeMore going to the Grand Canyon by helicopter



SeeMore in the Nevada Desert

SeeMore's Top Tips for Building Resilience in Children

Resilience isn't fixed – it can rise and fall depending on what children are facing. Some challenges are easier to bounce back from than others, but with the right support, children can grow stronger through every experience. Here are SeeMore's top tips for nurturing resilience:

1. Maintain a daily routine

Consistency provides comfort. A predictable routine helps children, especially younger ones, feel secure and supported.

2. Be a role model for resilience

Children learn from what they see. When you try again after setbacks, manage your emotions, or approach challenges with a positive mindset, your child learns to do the same.

3. Don't solve every problem for them

Allow children to work through small disappointments and challenges. This builds problem-solving skills and prepares them for bigger obstacles later.

4. Foster self-compassion

Teach your child to be kind to themselves when they make mistakes or face setbacks. Self-compassion helps them recover, learn, and move forward.

5. Remind them of their strengths

Encourage your child to see themselves as resilient by pointing out past successes: "Remember when you were nervous about ... and look at you now!"

With many children beginning the transition to Primary School soon, our SeeMore Safety on a Walk book is a great addition to your book library! Whether they will be walking to school, catching the bus, or driving in the car, learn with SeeMore and find out how to stay safe while being out and about, near the roads and cars.



Creative Ways to Use SeeMore in Your Kinder!

Every kinder brings SeeMore to life in their own unique way! Here are a few fun ideas we've seen in action:

Take-Home Journal – Some kinders send SeeMore home with children and families, along with our journal, to record safe choices and activities they do together.

Classroom Companion – Others keep SeeMore in the classroom, perhaps sitting with Millie and Carm in the quiet corner, as a comforting and educational presence.

Safety Hide-and-Seek – A playful twist is to use SeeMore like Elf on the Shelf. Each day or week, children search for him and explain why his situation might be unsafe. Their task? To help SeeMore make a safer choice.



What's coming up?

KIDS Foundation is very excited to be embarking on a new and exciting project with Monash University relating to **Safety Risk Intelligence** and **CPW (Conceptual Play World)**.

Safety risk intelligence in children refers to their developing ability to understand and respond to potential hazards in their environment. This involves not only understanding what is safe or unsafe but also developing the skills to manage risks and make informed decisions.

A **Conceptual PlayWorld** is a type of play-based learning developed by Marilyn Fler at Monash University, where children engage in imaginary scenarios to explore and learn about concepts, particularly in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). It's an intentional teaching model that encourages children to embark on imaginary journeys, encounter and solve problems, and develop key skills like scientific curiosity, mathematical logic, and design thinking.



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