

FIRST 'PARENTS IN THE PUB' EVENT LAUNCHING IN JULY



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The inaugural 'Parents in the Pub' event will launch with the first topic "Teaching Consent at All Ages" for parents this July at Kings Head Hotel. The events are aimed at bringing parents together to talk and learn about difficult topics relevant to young people maintaining healthy relationships.

Parents in the Pub is a social enterprise initiative of Respect-ED, a small business with a focus on filling the gap between clinical sexual health education and the 'What not to do' style of violence prevention, with engaging workshops, talks and conversations on the everyday complexities of relationships, diversity, conflict, communication, navigating pleasure, safety and consent.

Creator, Melody Howlett is well-versed in these types of conversations, as a respectful relationships and consent educator who believes in sex-positive, friendly and practical relationships education. She has worked with youth in schools and colleges, supported women who have experienced domestic and sexual violence and trained community workers in violence prevention.

On the first topic, "Teaching Consent at All Ages" Melody says, "Teaching consent to children and young people plays an essential role in sexual violence prevention. Young people receive a lifetime of harmful social stereotyping and reinforcement about gender, everyday consent, bodies, sex and relationships from the media, public attitudes, peers and porn, and we know that children as young as 9 are seeing confronting sexual images."

Melody reassures parents, "We can empower toddlers through to primary school kids, teens and adults to become more conscious consumers of media, know their rights and respect the rights and boundaries of others to help one another stay safe. No matter what age your child, it's not too young to start."

"My hope is that parents walk away from the event feeling a bit more comfortable and confident engaging their kids in positive ways, as well as having had a laugh and enjoyed a couple of local craft beers." says Melody.

The Parents in the Pub event comes fresh off the back of Respect-ED's recent Adelaide Fringe debut, 'Boys'. A show about redefining a more positive brand of masculinity which received 4 stars from Everything Adelaide. The Advertiser called 'Boys' "Important and resonating" and "incredibly moving". Weekend Notes also praised 'Boys' as "Confronting one moment then chuckle-worthy the next" and "an all-inclusive performance in a genre of its own, proving to be a must-see for men, women and non-binary alike."

Respect-ED continues to provide workshops, trainings and events which deliver evidence-based advice, utilising relationship science principles, understanding of child and adolescent developmental needs, violence prevention best practice interventions, and inclusive of differing social and emotional skill sets and cultural needs.

'Parents in the Pub: Teaching Consent at All Ages' is a 3-hour catered event held on 4th July, 2019 at 6:00pm to 9pm in the function room of Kings Head Hotel. Tickets can be purchased via www.respect-education.com ##

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