Safe is… project receives Child Protection Week Award

Extraordinary programs and people dedicated to protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect were recognised at the Queensland Child Protection Week 2013 Launch and Awards ceremony held at Parliament House today.

Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) was humbled to receive a Child Protection Week Education Initiative Award today for the Safe is… project, in partnership with the Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School and Gilimbaa, an Indigenous Creative Agency.

Safe is… is the result of collaboration and shares the process behind the project with the hope that others will be inspired to find their own or similar ways to address sexual abuse in their own community.

The project involved staff, parents and students of the Aboriginal and Islander Independent Community School, artists and authors in residence and FPQ educators, with funding support from the Australian Government.

Holly Brennan, Acting Director of Education and Community Services, explains, “This book is a celebration of how one school community worked together to do something positive in their stand against sexual abuse. The children’s artwork and creative writing vibrantly highlight the strengths and resilience of children and the adults that care for them.”

Bronwyn Bancroft, Safe is… artist in residence and award winning children’s book illustrator, adds, “We provided a space for children to visualise a journey of learning the key issues of personal safety - the right to be safe, my body belongs to me, I can ask for help and safe places. These topics can be difficult to tackle but are essential for the continued safety and care of our young people.”

In response to receiving the award, Ms Brennan said, “It is an honour to be acknowledged for the Safe is… project. We believe helping children be safe is one of our most important duties. Children are never too young to learn about being safe and about who they can talk to if they need help. All of us can play our part and Safe is… is a resource we are proud to share.”


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Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) has been the leading provider of sexual and reproductive health and education services throughout Queensland for over 40 years out of 9 centres statewide. FPQ provides health care along with tools and knowledge for people to make informed decisions to stay healthy and safe.

Children healthy and safe