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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **'LOVE BiTES Queensland'**

NAPCAN (National Association for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) are launching a new program called LOVE BiTES in Queensland on Thursday 20 May at L'Academie Hotel in Spring Hill.

LOVE BiTES is a relationship violence prevention program aimed at young people aged between 14 and 18 years. LOVE BiTES delivers interactive educational workshops that focus on engaging with young people in their own language to discuss key issues concerning relationship violence. Young people are educated about how to conduct respectful and safe relationships. The workshops use hip hop, drama, and artwork to assist young people in creating and running their own community campaign on preventing violence.

Over 20,000 high school students and 1,000 workers and teachers have participated in the LOVE BiTES program in New South Wales, Northern Territory and Tasmania. The Queensland launch will be an opportunity to hear more about the program and how individuals can get involved.

The launch is taking place 6.00pm, Thursday 20 May, 2010 at the L'Academie Hotel, 247 St Pauls Terrace, Spring Hill. Cost of attending is \$20 which includes finger food, drinks and the opportunity to network with people who have been involved with the program. To register for the event go to: [www.napcan.org.au/get-involved](http://www.napcan.org.au/get-involved) or phone NAPCAN Queensland on 07 3846 1888.

Mel Priddin, Queensland Manager of Love Bites commented, 'Love Bites has been offered in other states and has seen well over 20,000 students and over 1000 school staff and community workers participate in the program. Love Bites will positively influence the young people who predicate as well as provide a framework for schools to tackle the difficult issue of relationship violence. I am really excited to be launching the program here in Queensland and build on the success that has taken place in other states.'

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#### **Notes to the editor:**

NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) is one of Australia's leading advocate for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. NAPCAN's goal is to bring about the changes necessary in individual and community behavior and in government policy to stop abuse and neglect before it starts. For further information go to: [www.napcan.org.au](http://www.napcan.org.au)