

STORY OF DARCY

- 21 years ago
- 5 year old boy starting school in Kindergarten
- raised by their grandparents, parents not available
- missed mum very much, anger and 'acting out' due to the absence of his parents
- A particularly challenging and difficult day
- he was engaged in drawing- incredible picture of himself
- self-portrait and that it depicted him and his feelings at the time



- mouth was full of **triangular shaped teeth**, hair was drawn at an **irregular pattern**, tummy of the body had a **black swirl emanating** from the middle outwards
- drawing quite disturbing
- resembled the way he was feeling
- tummy was all in knots and hurt-felt like it was churning and going round and round
- teeth and mouth-resembled his anger and hatred
- angry and hurt
- years after, living on the edge, doing risky activities and mixing with the wrong crowd
- incident in **2016**--Darcy injured, 20-year old passenger killed at the scene.



The car exploded into flames before the driver could be dragged to safety

Police say speed was likely to be a factor in the crash which happened at 2am on Friday

‘I feel his **inner turmoil could be evident at an early age** and **possibly more could have been done professionally to assist him** in later years in schooling and afterwards’.

‘However ultimately it is a person's own choices that determine his path. Seeing evidence so blatantly displayed in a picture at 5 tells me that **children are crying out for help and can relate that at an early age**. If we cross paths with these children, teenagers, young adults, we need to be mindful to **support them** and to be there for them if they are willing to be guided and part of our lives’.

STORY OF JOSEPH





