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Childhood Killer

As childhood cancer is perceived to be relatively rare, figures released by the Children's Cancer Institute Australia that state cancer as the second leading cause of death in children aged 1-14, may cause some alarm.

In Australia, more than 500 children are diagnosed with childhood cancer every year and three children lose their battle with the disease each week. The survival rate has drastically improved in recent years, however, those that survive are likely to suffer long-term side effects and experience a poor quality of life, as a result of their treatment.

EnhanceTV has a range of resources available to help explain cancer, treatment and ways to prevent the disease. For primary students, [Behind the News](#) looks at the new vaccine for certain types of cervical cancer, and [Scope: Summer Science](#) uncovers the science behind sunburn.

[Autopsy: Life and Death – Cancer](#) examines cancer and illuminates the difficulties of diagnosing and treating the disease and [Can Dogs Smell Cancer?](#) tracks a group of Cambridge scientists who believe that dogs could be used in the early detection of cancer. [Episode 1](#) and [episode 2](#) of [A Lion in the House](#) follows five children and their families navigating the ups and downs of cancer treatment and reveals the extent to which paediatric cancer patients are party to experimental treatments.

[Body Hits: Tumour Trouble](#) explains what happens when a cell becomes cancerous, and [Catalyst: Don't Die Young – Lungs](#) reveals the life threatening effects smoking has on the lungs. [The 7.30 Report](#) contains the story, 'The dangers of a deadly tan', that warns of the suspected risks of solariums.

[Mathew's Fight For Life](#) documents the journey of a young boy who has fought brain tumours since the age of 3. [Fight For Life: Teens](#) presents 13 year-old Zach's story of survival after a school health check triggered a series of tests that uncovered a dangerous tumour growing in his spinal chord. [Australian Story: For the Holy Grail](#) tells the personal story behind a breakthrough in the treatment of cancer, and [Australian Story: Some Meaning in this](#)

[Life](#) presents the story of the admired singer and actor, Belinda Emmett. [60 Minutes](#) features the story, 'Never say die', in which a renowned cancer surgeon, Professor Chris O'Brien, has a brain tumour and is now fighting to save his own life.

