

## **Boy, 12, attacked by tagged dingo on Queensland's K'gari as at least five attacks reported this year**

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A 12-year-old boy has been bitten by a tagged dingo on a [Queensland](#) island where multiple incidents involving the wild animals have been reported this year.

The boy, along with another child and an adult, was playing in shallow water on K'gari, formerly Fraser Island, at about 12.15pm on Sunday when the attack occurred.

They had brought a dingo stick with them but left it on nearby rocks before entering the water.

A male dingo approached the boy from behind near Yidney Rocks, a beachfront accommodation on the island, and bit him.

Nearby fishers quickly came to the boy's aid, using their stick in an attempt to deter the animal.

Though the dingo moved away, it followed the group back to their accommodation.

The boy sustained superficial puncture wounds and a laceration but did not require further treatment after being attended to by paramedics.



*K'gari, formerly Fraser Island, has witnessed multiple dingo incidents. Credit: AAP*

When Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service rangers arrived, the dingo was still in the area, and it was identified from photos.

They will continue to monitor the dingo's movements and provide further education to residents and visitors to the island.

The Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) is investigating the incident.

Visitors to K'gari are reminded to always carry a dingo stick, remain vigilant, walk in groups, lock up food, secure all rubbish, fish, and bait, and camp in fenced areas where possible.

It is also crucial to stay close (within arm's reach) to children and young teenagers.

Never feed dingoes, store food or food containers in tents, or run when encountering a dingo.

At least five attacks have happened on the tourist island this year.

In January, a three-year-old child was bitten by a dingo on the back of the leg while walking with family.

Last August, a dingo bit a four-year-old girl in the chest and abdominal area while she was fishing with a group of eight children near NgKala Rocks on the island's eastern side.

At least 21 incidents involving dingoes were reported on the island in 2024.