A BRITISH father risked his own life to comfort a young victim of the Barcelona terror attack following the atrocity.

Without considering his own safety, Harry Athwal ran from the first floor restaurant where he was dining to the pavement and cradled a young boy who had been struck by the van.
He told The Mirror: “He was unconscious, his leg was bent the wrong way, there was blood coming out of his head, I knew it was more than blood.

“I was checking for a pulse and he didn’t have one.”

The 44-year-old was in Spain on a last minute family trip to celebrate his son’s eighth birthday. The group arrived too early to check into their rooms on Thursday, so decided to have a lunch on Las Ramblas.

They were about to sit at a restaurant on the middle of the pedestrian strip but a waiter tempted them come to his restaurant on the first floor.

From there they watched the horrifying events unfold on the street below as a group of young terrorists drove a van into the busy Las Ramblas street in the centre of Barcelona.

Telling his family to stay where they were, Mr Athwal ran to the street to help.

‘He looked like my son’
Speaking of the scene before him, he said: “I looked to my left and right and there were bodies strewn, and to the right there was this child in the middle of the road. I ran straight to him.”

He added: “To me, he looked like my own son. He was my son’s age, seven or eight. I just ran my hands through his hair, it was about comforting him.”

Police were shouting at him to get away from the street, but Mr Athwal couldn’t leave the little boy on his own.

With so many bodies and injured people lying on the pavement, Mr Athwal had to shout to get the paramedics’ attention.

He said they looked shocked when they picked up the child.

Mr Athwal said he did not know what happened to the boy, but was comforted to know that he wasn’t alone in those moments.
Reports have indicated the boy may have been missing Australian Julian Cadman.

The seven-year-old’s father arrived in Barcelona on Sunday morning to try and locate his son.

While there has been no official word on the whereabouts of Julian, Spanish authorities have said all victims and injured have been located since the attack, and his father has been taken to a forensic facility where victims are being identified.

The last photo taken of Julian Cadman before the Barcelona terror attack, showing the clothes he was wearing. Source: Supplied
The Sydney boy was on Las Ramblas with his mother Jumarie when an Islamic State terrorist driving a van smashed through crowds on Thursday afternoon.

His mother remains in a serious condition at the Vell d’Hebron Hospital in Barcelona.

The gang of fanatics who carried out the attack massacred 14 people and injured 130 more when they ploughed a van into crowds on Barcelona’s famous Las Ramblas, and a second car into crowds in tourist resort Cambrils later the same night.

A terror cell of twelve “drugged up” Moroccans are thought to be behind the double terror attacks that rocked Spain.

Spain’s Interior Minister said the terror cell had been “dismantled”, but police are still hunting for the ringleader believed to be behind the twin attacks.

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