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NO CHILD MISSES OUT: NSW GOVERNMENT EXPANDS KEY GRANTS PROGRAMMES

More children in Hawkesbury will have access to upgraded facilities and better educational experiences, thanks to the NSW Government broadening the eligibility criteria of key early childhood grants programmes.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP announced today that the Quality Learning Environments and Community Grants programmes will now be extended to include not-for-profit long day care centres as well as community preschools.

Ms Preston said she is thrilled more children in Hawkesbury will benefit from the grants, which have already been greatly received by a number of community preschools across region.

“I have already seen community preschools in Hawkesbury benefit significantly from the Quality Learning Environments and Community Grants programmes and now it’s time for Long Day Care centres to experience the benefits as well,” Ms Preston said.

“I am urging eligible long day care centres in Hawkesbury to consider applying for the grants, which will help ensure children in our region have access to the best-quality early education experience.”

Since the introduction of the programme in 2018, the NSW Government has awarded more than 770 Quality Learning Environments grants, helping services across the state fund renovations and repairs, the purchase of particular infrastructure item, and specialised educational programs and activities, like yoga or dance classes.

Hundreds of services have also benefitted from the Community Grants programme since its establishment in 2018, which aims to increase the number of disadvantaged children participating in an early childhood education programme.

Applications for the Quality Learning Environments grants are now open and Community Grants will open in mid-June.

Services can access more information here <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs>

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