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SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS IN HAWKESBURY OPEN FOR JULY HOLIDAYS

Kids and families in Hawkesbury will have access to much-needed space and playgrounds these July holidays, with the *Share our Space* initiative expanding to four of schools across the region: Kurrajong East Public School, Pitt Town Public School, Wilberforce Public School and Grose View Public School.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston MP said she hoped families in Hawkesbury would take up this opportunity to use school playgrounds, knowing they are safe, clean and well maintained.

“Many of our schools have beautiful open spaces and well-designed play equipment to suit kids of all ages and abilities,” Ms Preston said.

“It’s wonderful to be able to share these with the surrounding community – especially where space is limited.”

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Learning Sarah Mitchell said the \$30 million *Share Our Space* Programme was launched in April last year following a successful pilot trial. The number of participating schools has continued to grow, with nearly 200 schools joining for these holidays alone.

“After our pilot programme, we heard feedback that opening up playgrounds for school holidays really did encourage families to play together in the outdoors,” Ms Mitchell added.

“Our vision is for more and more schools to participate in the *Share Our Space* initiative. We’re also working to ensure we can accommodate this in harmony with other shared use initiatives like out-of-hours care, and local sporting facilities.”

For a full list of participating schools, please visit the Share Our Space webpage: <https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/programs/share-our-space.html>

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