



Robyn Preston MP

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TWO SCHOOLS IN HAWKESBURY SHARING THEIR SPACE OVER SPRING HOLIDAYS

Two schools in Hawkesbury are among more than 100 Sydney schools to open their grounds to the public over the spring holidays, part of the *Share Our Space* initiative.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said that opening safe and purpose built play areas for children that would otherwise be left unused was a fantastic initiative.

"In my role as a Councillor with The Hills Shire Council, I advocated for the sharing of school playing fields with the public and I am so pleased that this initiative has now evolved.

"Some of my best memories of school holidays were playing in the park with friends. Our public schools have great facilities and opening these spaces to the community during the holidays is a brilliant use of space," Ms Preston said.

"Parents know that finding safe, free and fun places for their kids to play during school holidays can sometimes be challenging. The Share Our Space program helps solve the age old task of keeping the kids entertained in the holidays."

"Share Our Space is a great opportunity for families, children and local residents to stay active and enjoy of some of the fantastic playgrounds and spaces that are available through our public schools," Ms Preston said.

Among the Hawkesbury schools included for the spring holidays *Share Our Space* initiative are Macdonald Valley Public School and Wisemans Ferry Public School.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the initiative is part of the common sense approach the Liberals and Nationals Government brings.

"We have fantastic schools, with fantastic play areas and it makes sense to share these spaces with the surrounding community when possible," Ms Mitchell said.

The Department of Education is carefully assessing schools to ensure those who participate are safe and secure.

To find participating schools, visit the [Share Our Space](#) webpage. A list of Sydney schools is available now, with a list of participating regional and rural schools available by the 30th of September.

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