

Media Release

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\$2.7 MILLION PRESCHOOL BOOST IN OUR PATCH

Families and their children across the electorate of Mallee will benefit from a \$2.7 million injection of funds into local preschool systems, after the \$400 million preschool funding boost was announced by the Federal Government.

Federal Member for Mallee, Andrew Broad says the funding will ensure local preschoolers have access to 15 hours a week of quality early learning.

“The little learners in our patch deserve the best start to their education, we know how vital it is that children get that preschool education before they move into schooling,” Mr Broad said.

“This \$2.7 million investment into the Wimmera, Mallee and Mildura regions gives certainty for families and children in our patch under the extended National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education.”

The extension of the plan now means that children will continue to have access to 600 hours of preschool per year in 2019.

“Now, the challenge is we need to find ways to motivate parents of our local children to take advantage of those 15 hours per week and really get their children developing those essential skills for learning at a young age.”

The extension of the National Partnership will now allow the Government to work through issues and develop a policy beyond 2019 that will see children enrolled and learning from preschool programs.

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