

Media Release

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STATE-OF-THE-ART EYNESBURY KINDER DELIVERED

Families living in Eynesbury will have access to a kindergarten and school at the same location, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt and Member for Melton Steve McGhie today visited Eynesbury to officially open the Eynesbury Early Learning Centre.

The facility includes a two-room, 66-place kinder including outdoor play space, maternal child health office, community meeting space and associated administrative facilities.

The new kinder was built on site at the new Eynesbury Primary School and will help parents ditch the double drop off and ensure a smooth transition to school for local students.

The project was \$4.2 million joint investment by the Labor Government and the City of Melton.

In an Australian-first, the Labor Government is investing nearly \$5 billion to deliver a full 15 hours of Three-Year-Old Kinder to every Victorian child over the next decade.

As part of this roll-out, the Government is upgrading infrastructure through a \$1.68 billion co-investment with the early childhood sector to build and expand kindergarten facilities across the state.

Melton City Council was one of 127 successful grant recipients to share in \$46.9 million through the Building Blocks capacity building and improvement grants streams, which provide new kindergarten places and improve learning environments.

The *Victorian Budget 2020/21* is investing a further \$38.5 million into the Building Blocks grants program, which helps boost kinder capacity, build and modernise early learning facilities, create inclusive kinders and deliver information technology devices.

The Government is also ensuring that every new primary school set to open in the state from 2021 will have a kindergarten on-site or next door, reducing the burden on parents and helping to build the Education State. This includes all 10 new primary schools which opened in 2021 and all six new primary schools opening in 2022.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt

“Building the Education State starts with the early years – that’s why we are delivering a record investment into early childhood services, including here at Eynesbury.”

“Making it easier for parents to ditch the dreaded double drop-off is just part of our commitment to make sure every child can access top notch education close to home.”

Quote attributable to Member for Melton Steve McGhie

“We know that education begins far earlier than a child’s first step into primary school and this new kinder will give local children in Eynesbury the start they deserve.”

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