

# Media Release

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## **NEW GLENROY EARLY YEARS CENTRE TAKES SHAPE**

Families in Glenroy are a step closer to getting the new early years centre they deserve, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt and Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn today visited the construction site of the Glenroy Hub Early Years Centre to celebrate progress on the project.

The integrated children's centre will be located on the former Glenroy Primary School site on Wheatsheaf Road and gives local families access to a high-quality learning centre with three and four-year-old kinder.

The new early years centre will feature shared multipurpose meeting and activity rooms, kitchen, exhibition space, open space and a community garden with a licenced capacity of 108 children in funded kinder programs.

The centre will also incorporate a long day care, maternal child health, allied health services and family services. It will form a central part of a community hub planned for the site which includes, a children's library and garden, Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre and outreach services delivered by Merri Health.

The Labor Government contributed \$1.6 million towards the early years centre, which is expected to open in 2022, in time for the roll-out of Three-Year-Old Kinder in Moreland.

Making Victoria the Education State starts with the early years. That's why, in an Australian first, the Labor Government is investing almost \$5 billion over this decade to deliver 15 hours per week of universally funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Ingrid Stitt**

*"Creating more places for children to attend kindergarten and securing their access to the best facilities across Victoria is vital to ensuring a world-class education in the early years."*

*"We're delivering unprecedented investment in early childhood services across Victoria to help our kids and their families access better quality programs and facilities."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Pascoe Vale Lizzie Blandthorn**

*"Our local families and children deserve a top-notch environment to learn in during the early years, and this hub will become a beating heart of this community."*