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STATEMENT OF INTENT

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JOINT COMMITMENT TO TRANSFORM EARLY EDUCATION

Today we embark on the greatest transformation of early education in a generation.

A long-term policy commitment that will change lives.

It will mean that, in the next 10 years, every child in Victoria and NSW will experience the benefits of a full year of play-based learning before their first year of school.

A year dedicated to growing and learning, new friends and new experiences. A year devoted to helping our kids be the very best they can be. Giving them the skills they need for school, but just as importantly, the skills they need for life.

At the same time, it will benefit hundreds of thousands of working families.

Helping more mums and dads return to work on terms that work for them.

Building a system that works for women, not against them.

It means a brighter future for our kids – and their families too.

And two great states working together to deliver it.

This won't be a short-term fix, or a temporary solution.

Instead, it will take years of collaborative, hard work to get it right.

Really, it's an investment in children, some of whom are yet to be born.

We begin today by planting the seeds, knowing the benefits won't be known for years to come. But knowing they'll be shared by everyone.

An investment in our children's tomorrow. An investment in ours too.

And a commitment co-authored, because simply: our kids deserve nothing less.

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