

# Media Release

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## **BOOST TO SERVICES WITH NEW KINDER IN CHELSEA**

Families with young children in Chelsea now have access to quality local kindergarten programs they need, with the opening of the new Chelsea Kindergarten.

Minister for Early Childhood Education Jenny Mikakos today officially opened the new \$2 million kindergarten at Chelsea Primary School, which will improve local early childhood services and facilities.

The new facility will include a multipurpose meeting space, as well as 102 new kindergarten places for children, including 44 three-year-old places and 58 four-year-old places.

The Victorian Government funded the project, which was delivered by Kingston City Council and will be operating at the beginning of 2018.

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering a record \$70 million to build, expand and upgrade kinders across Victoria to ensure local families can continue to access great local kindergartens.

Chelsea families will also benefit from the Labor Government's \$202.1 million Education State *Early Childhood Reform Plan*.

This ground-breaking reform plan recognises the importance of providing families with strong support in early childhood, so kids are ready for kinder and ready for school.

It will mean local parents can access improved parenting support and Maternal and Child Health Services, as well as higher quality and more inclusive kindergartens.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Early Childhood Education Jenny Mikakos**

*"We're delivering unprecedented investment in early childhood services, helping our children and families access better quality programs and facilities."*

*"We know the first few years can shape a child's entire life. By investing earlier, we're giving kids in Chelsea the very best start."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Mordialloc Tim Richardson**

*"We're proud to be helping schools and local councils improve their early childhood services in Chelsea – because we know how important the early years are in setting our kids up for the rest of their lives."*