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15 hours of preschool a week for all La Trobe children

The Turnbull Government will ensure all La Trobe children can access 15 hours of preschool a week under a new agreement for early childhood education.

Member for La Trobe said more than 2,656 children in La Trobe were set to reap the benefits of the additional \$3.3M funding announced by the Turnbull Government for preschool education.

“We’re focused on ensuring children in La Trobe and across Australia have the best possible start to their education,” Mr Wood said.

“We know that a quality preschool education is essential for laying the foundations for successful learning, including transition to full-time school and future school success.

“That’s why we’re delivering \$3.3M for the 2,656 preschoolers in La Trobe.

“Our commitment means certainty that all children in the year before school will continue to have access to 15 hours of preschool a week (600 hours a year) in 2018.

“Combined with the landmark child care reforms we passed through Parliament earlier this year, this announcement will make child care and early learning more affordable and accessible for Australian families.”

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said the Turnbull Government had extended the National Partnership Agreement on Universal Access to Early Childhood Education.

“The 2018 extension of the National Partnership Agreement will provide certainty and consistency for Australian families, preschools and long day care centres as we implement our school and child care reforms next year,” Minister Birmingham said.

“It will also allow for proper discussions with the states and territories on how we fairly guarantee at least 15 hours of preschool beyond that, given the very different models of preschool delivery that apply from one state to another.

“This extension to preschool support, combined with our landmark child care and early learning reforms, makes the Turnbull Government’s commitment to early childhood education clear.”

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