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HOWLONG AND SPRINGDALE HEIGHTS PRESCHOOLS GET A HELPING HAND

Two local preschool services will receive \$7,000 each to help increase the number of Aboriginal children and disadvantaged children participating in quality early childhood education in the year before school, as part of the NSW Government's Community Grants program.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin MP said Howlong Preschool and Springdale Heights Preschool have both been successful in receiving \$7,000.

"Grants like these go a long way in communities across the electorate and I am proud of this Government's investment in initiatives that support our community preschools and the families using these services," Mr Aplin said.

"The Community Grants are flexible and preschools can use the funding for specific individual needs, like transport initiatives, providing regular healthy breakfasts or specialised staff and resources."

Minister for Early Childhood Education and Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell said this investment is another example of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government making early childhood education more accessible for all families across NSW.

"Children have so much to gain from participating in quality early education – so programs like this where we can make preschool services more affordable and accessible for families are a no-brainer for me," Mrs Mitchell said.

"Since the Start Strong program was introduced by the NSW Liberals & Nationals, we have already seen average daily fees reduce by 25 per cent and participation rates increase by a huge 40 per cent, and we are committed to continuing this positive trend."

For more information please visit: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/community-grants>

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