



Greg Aplin MP
Member for Albury

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LOCAL PRESCHOOLS RECEIVE OVER \$88,000 FROM NEW FUNDING

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin has welcomed news that seven preschools in the electorate will benefit from up to \$15,000 in funding to go towards enhancing the quality of their service.

Mr Aplin said he was happy to announce the following preschools have been successful in applying for the NSW Government's Quality Learning Environments fund:

- Albury Preschool: \$15,000
- Burrumbuttock Preschool: \$14,987.27
- Corowa Preschool: \$9,739
- Henty Early Childhood Centre: \$14,251.80
- Howlong Preschool: \$15,000
- Springdale Heights Preschool: \$15,000
- Scots Preschool: \$4,182

"These preschools are showing an ongoing commitment to ensuring children have access to top quality early childhood education, which, as the local member, makes me extremely proud," Mr Aplin said.

Minister for Early Childhood Education, Sarah Mitchell said she is extremely proud of the Quality Learning Environments fund and the response from the sector has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Not only will this funding improve the quality of the learning environment for children right across the state, parents can also rest assured that their children are having the best start to their educational journeys as possible," she said.

"Preschools will be able to use this funding to cover items like shade cloths so children can play safely outdoors, kitchen gardens to teach children where their food comes from, or an outdoor jungle gym to encourage a child's hand-eye coordination.

"I look forward to watching children in the Albury electorate – and right across the state – thrive from this new funding."

The Quality Learning Environments program was introduced in 2018 and is part of the NSW Government's \$332 million Start Strong Program which was introduced in 2016 and has been extended to 2021.

For more information, visit the Department of Education website.

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