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Braddon families to benefit from added early learning support

Families in Braddon are set for more support to access early childhood education and care, backed by new funding from the Turnbull Government.

Senator Richard Colbeck today welcomed the support for much needed local child care and early learning services.

“The Turnbull Government is providing vital funding for 20 child care and early learning services in North West and West Coasts, delivering added security and support for local families,” Senator Colbeck said.

“I am pleased to announce that around \$3.6m will go to child care and early learning services in Braddon through the Turnbull Government’s new Community Child Care Fund (CCCF).

“I welcome this funding commitment, given how challenging it can be to provide quality, reliable care outside of the major metropolitan centres.

“This funding support is good news for Braddon families and it’s good news for local services, like Forth Outside School Hours Care, Rosebery Child Care Centre and King Island Child Care & Early Learning Centre.

“It will ensure local services are sustainable and deliver for our community, helping to overcome some of the unique challenges that child care services in the city don’t face, such as attracting and retaining qualified staff.”

Minister for Education and Training Simon Birmingham said the new targeted CCCF is a key part of the Turnbull Government’s \$2.5 billion reforms, which will help ensure child care is more affordable for those families who need it most, while giving vulnerable children a strong start in life.

“We want to help these valuable child care and early learning services take advantage of the Turnbull Government’s broader overhaul of the system to help us deliver more support for more families,” Minister Birmingham said.

“We recognise that Budget Based Funded services in particular often operate in remote and Indigenous communities and face unique circumstances, which is why we’ve guaranteed them a specific funding within the CCCF.

“This is a win for the many hard-working families who live in communities where access to quality, reliable child care is not always guaranteed.

Minister Birmingham said the switchover to the Turnbull Government’s new child care and early learning system starts on 2 July 2018, but urged families not to wait to the last minute to take action.

“Visit www.education.gov.au/childcare, estimate your new subsidy, and complete the myGov Child Care Subsidy Assessment to start the switchover to the new child care and early learning system.

Details about the Community Child Care Fund are available:
<https://www.education.gov.au/community-child-care-fund-0>

List of Child Care Centres in Braddon to receive funding:

Coastal Family Day Care Scheme
Discovery Early Learning Centre - Ulverstone
Forest After School Care
Forth Outside School Hours Care
King Island Child Care & Early Learning Centre
Kites - Outside School Hours Care
Malangenna Children's Centre
Mersey Leven In Home Child Care/Family Day Care
Penguin Fun Club Outside School Hours Care
Queenstown Child Care Centre
Queenstown Outside School Hours Care
Rosebery Child Care Centre
Smithton Outside School Hours Care
St Patrick's Child Care Services (LDC)
St Patrick's Child Care Services (OSHC)
Stanley After School Care
Stepping Stones Childrens Centre
Ulverstone East Child Care Centre Outside School Hours Care
Warawyn Boat Harbour Outside School Hours Care
Warawyn Early Learning Centre

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