



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **KPV commends the State Government's investment of \$82.6 million in our children's future**

Kindergarten Parents Victoria applauds the State Government's decision to invest \$82.6 million to support early years services in Victoria as announced today.

"This comprehensive package will help ensure that all Victorian children have access to a quality kindergarten program in the year before school" Emma King, CEO of Kindergarten Parents Victoria, the peak body for early childhood education in Victoria, said today. "We know that not all Victorian children have been able to benefit from this vital year of education in the past. This additional funding is a very real commitment to the future of all Victorian children and will help parents ensure that their children have the best possible early education experience."

"Importantly, this package addresses many of the key issues facing the early childhood sector. In addition to ensuring that a place is funded for every child in a kindergarten program in the year before school, today's announcement also targets significant shortages in both capital works and the workforce. KPV knows that places for children in quality programs is of key concern, and with this multi-faceted response the State Government is demonstrating a genuine commitment to addressing the challenges facing early childhood services" said Ms King.

KPV looks forward to working in partnership with the State Government to deliver improved outcomes for the sector, ensuring early years services are appropriately resourced and supported to provide the best for Victoria's children.

**Emma King, CEO of Kindergarten Parents Victoria is available for interview on 0417 387 491 or 03 9489 3500.**

Kindergarten Parents Victoria (KPV) is the peak organisation and employer body promoting quality early childhood education for Victorian children, representing over 1000 centres serving more than 200,000 Victorian children and families each year.

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