



ACT Government

2003-2004 BUDGET

EXTRA FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOLS

Minister for Education, Ms Katy Gallagher will deliver an extra \$906,000 over the next four years to support preschools in the ACT.

“The new funding for preschools recognises the valued partnership with the Canberra Preschool Society in delivering the educational programs and their associated costs”, Ms Gallagher said.

It is also another step in implementing the recommendations of the Connors Report into Education Funding released earlier this year.

The funding is a contribution towards the cost of cleaning, insurance and consumables. It will be provided at the beginning of the school year to each preschool parent association.

“The efforts by each preschool parent association to fundraise for their schools are highly valued by this government. The new funding will mean the funds raised by parents will go to supporting additional activities for the children,” Ms Gallagher said.

Around 80% of eligible 4 years olds in the ACT attend government preschool education in the year prior to formal schooling. The preschool program is delivered in partnership with the Canberra Preschool Society and parent associations in each preschool.

Statement ends.

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