

Early childhood education funding

Campaign guide



PRESCHOOL FUNDING NOW!

LABOR

- \$1.75 billion investment to deliver ongoing funding for four-year-olds and to introduce three-year-old preschool.
- Law to enshrine access to two years of funded preschool.
- Reverse the Liberals' \$20 million cut to the National Quality Agenda, ensuring all children's services are resourced to deliver quality education.
- Remove upfront fees for 10,000 early education students studying at TAFE – boosting our early education workforce.

Two years of high quality early childhood education, delivered by qualified teachers and educators has a significant impact on a child's educational and life outcomes. Early childhood education lays the foundation for children to develop their social and emotional skills, cognitive skills, resilience, prosocial behaviour, executive functioning, problem solving, self-regulation, communication and relationships. To deliver the best outcomes for our youngest children, our government needs to invest in the permanent funding of two years of preschool for all children.

Funding for four-year-old preschool programs is currently delivered via a National Partnership Agreement that runs out at the end of 2019. Children who are currently three years old and younger risk missing out on this rich opportunity of attending a

LIBERAL

- Cuts to funding for four-year-olds with no funding for four-year-old preschool beyond 2020.
- 98,000 Victorian children will not be able to access 15 hours of preschool, with preschool funding dropping from 15 hours to 10 hours per week.
- Cuts of \$123 million will see fees increase. Families will lose more than \$1,200 in funding per child.
- No interest in extending preschool to three-year-old children.

preschool program for 15 hours a week. These cuts by the Morrison Liberal government will also impact greatly on the workforce. Employment for teachers and educators will be reduced and cut.

Funding for two years of preschool should be made permanent. We need an increase in investment in early childhood education, not cuts. Teachers and educators also deserve job security.

At this year's federal election, the choice is clear.

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