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MEDIA RELEASE

\$30,000 GRANTS NOW OPEN FOR OUT-OF-SCHOOL-HOURS CARE PROVIDERS

Local Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams is encouraging not for profit providers of out of school hours care to apply for grants to expand or establish new services to provide flexible options for working families in Castle Hill.

Mr Williams said the announcement of the expansion to the criteria for the \$20 million Before and After School Care Fund is a great opportunity for not for profits to apply for the \$30,000 grants.

“Many families in Castle Hill rely on before and after school care to juggle work and other commitments,” Mr Williams said.

“This fund has already assisted more than 160 schools and five local councils. Opening the fund to not-for-profit service providers means extra support to help community spaces offer out of school hours care and ease the burden in areas of high demand.”

Every school community in Castle Hill has different needs and these changes will have real benefits in areas where schools don't have the capacity to establish or further expand services on site.

Grants from the fund can be used for site modification and fit-out costs, project management, or to pay for necessary equipment to support new or expanded services.

Families need flexibility, and the NSW Government is providing a flexible approach that allows not-for-profits, local councils and schools to provide more care options.

“It is now possible for community organisations to pool their resources and prepare a joint proposal” said Mr Williams. “This is a fantastic opportunity to help expand the services locally, and I encourage all of our local not for profits providers to apply.”

Since 2011, the Liberals & Nationals Government has spent more than \$1.6 billion in Early Childhood Education, investing \$382 million this financial year alone.

For more information, visit the Department of Education website at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/our-services/children-and-youth/out-of-hours-school-care-grant.

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