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FREE PRESCHOOL FOR FAMILIES

Working families and young children in Castle Hill will benefit from a year of free preschool with the NSW Government announcing funding for community preschools in 2021.

This \$120 million commitment will help more than 44,000 three to five year olds attending community preschool.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the free preschool program has been supporting families since the beginning of the pandemic and was providing certainty for parents into the future.

"Since the initial announcement of our COVID-19 response, the free preschool program has saved countless services and jobs in Castle Hill while keeping our children learning during their most important years." Mr Williams said.

This funding will assist families to get on with working and support them to divert family income into other essentials.

"Families will have certainty moving into 2021, knowing that regardless of their financial situation their child will be able to continue with their preschool education," said Mr Williams.

Early childhood services opting into this program must continue to remain open and available to provide education and care. This is particularly important for children as families return to work.

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