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HELPING CASTLE HILL KIDS TRANSITION TO SCHOOL

As children around NSW begin preparing for their transition to school, the NSW Government has developed new resources to support early childhood educators. The resources will help educators guide children through this critical phase of their learning.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said the Government is committed to ensuring that all children across the state get the best start they can, especially given this year's challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic.

The resources include a Transition to School Guide for Early Childhood Education that was developed in collaboration with early childhood teachers, primary school principals and kindergarten teachers. It assists early childhood educators to deliver educational programs that develop the skills and attributes children need for a successful start to school.

A storybook featuring native Australian animal characters, 'Daisy's First Day,' has also been developed to help children learn about what they might experience in a typical school day.

"Resourcing educators to help them get little ones through this transition phase is part of our overall commitment to supporting early childhood education and building the best and highest quality early childhood education sector in Australia," Mr Williams said.

"These new resources include practical tools that educators can use in their services to help children get ready for school next year. Research shows that a smooth transition to school sets children up for long term success, which is why the NSW Government is assisting during this important phase."

The Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said that transitioning to primary school is both daunting and exciting for young children.

"Starting school is an exciting time but it can be challenging," Ms Mitchell. "The resources will help educators introduce some of the concepts of primary school to students before they arrive."

The resources will be available on the NSW Education Department's website and will also be provided to all long day care and community and mobile preschools across NSW.

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