

Media Release

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IT EQUIPMENT FOR 760 KINDERGARTENS AND CHILDCARE SERVICES

Kindergartens and early childhood services will share in \$1.4 million to help upgrade and improve their latest IT equipment, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn today announced the latest round of Building Blocks IT grants which will help services deliver educational programs and support administration.

Grants up to \$2,000 are being distributed to over 760 eligible services for equipment such as laptops, iPads, screens and IT hardware used to deliver kindergarten programs.

The Building Blocks Program, which offers grants to contribute to kindergarten infrastructure and equipment, is critical to ensure the success of the roll-out of the *Best Start, Best Life* reforms across Victoria.

Since Building Blocks was launched in 2020, the Labor Government has invested more than \$235 million in planning, building and upgrading early childhood services across the state.

The Labor Government is investing billions to build and expand hundreds of kindergartens across the state, supporting the delivery of 15 hours of Three-Year-Old Kindergarten each week by 2029 and up to 30 hours of Pre-Prep each week by 2036.

For more information, visit schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au/building-blocks-grants-improvement.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"We're delivering IT upgrades and improvements to more than 760 eligible childcare and kindergarten services across the state so teachers, educators and children have the facilities they need."

"These grants build on our investment in early childhood infrastructure and free kinder – providing the tools for childcare and kindergarten services to provide quality services to Victorian children."