

Media Release

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IMPROVED KINDER DELIVERED FOR KIDS IN ST ALBANS

The Allan Labor Government is giving more children the best start in life, with improvements to a kindergarten in St Albans providing local families access to a high-quality education program close to home.

Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn and Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman today visited Epalock Crescent Kindergarten to announce the rebuilt kinder is open for business.

The modular kinder, located near several primary schools, has two rooms with capacity for an extra 59 kindergarten places for three and four-year-olds.

Modular kindergartens are constructed off site in a factory, in sections known as modules, to take advantage of faster construction times which minimise disruptions. Builders then assemble the modules on site before connecting utilities, completing outdoor play areas and landscaping grounds.

Positioning kindergartens on or close to schools supports children to get the most out of their early learning, makes drop-off more convenient for busy parents and carers, and helps with a smoother transition to primary school.

Since 2019, the Labor Government has delivered 60 new or expanded kindergartens on or near school sites. This includes every new Government primary school built since 2021.

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.

Through our nation-leading \$14 billion Best Start, Best Life reforms, the Labor Government is transforming early childhood education to help children thrive, save families money and support parents and carers to return to work or study if they choose.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Children Lizzie Blandthorn

"We're delivering unprecedented investment in early childhood services so our children can get the most out of great local kindergartens."

"We're proud to be funding early childhood infrastructure because we know how important the early years are in setting our kids up for the rest of their lives."

Quote attributable to Member for St Albans Natalie Suleyman

"This upgraded kinder in St Albans will give children the opportunity to attend a great local kindergarten, so our littlest learners get the best start in life."