

Primary principals welcome 2016 – 2017 preschool funding certainty

The Australian Primary Principals Association (APPA) has warmly welcomed the Commonwealth Government's decision to extend funding for preschool programmes into 2016 – 2017.

APPA President, Dennis Yarrington, said that with many schools currently preparing packages for the 2016 school year this announcement will allow principals to confirm information for parents around hours of operation, staffing structures and what programs will be in place each day. More importantly, providing funding certainty means that parents can plan their work and home arrangements that best support them and their family.

Mr Yarrington said,

“APPA has long supported 15 hours per week access to preschool education and the extension of the National Partnership arrangement ensures that our community continues to invest strongly in our children.

“We see that universal access enables all children to have the opportunity to attend a preschool programme, especially those most disadvantaged.”

Australian primary principals understand the vital role an effective preschool program plays in maximising the opportunity for Australian children to become successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens.

APPA is the professional association representing 7,200 school leaders in Government, Independent and Catholic schools across Australia.

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