

Victorian election scorecard

Vote YES for education and care



Early Childhood Reform Plan



Expanding 3YO kinder to a wider group of disadvantaged children



Investment in assessment and rating

Affordable high quality services



Murrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016–2026



Planning of education and care is linked to community needs



FreeTAFE & increasing the number of funded places



Investment in OSHC



Working with the Federal Government

National Quality Agenda including:

- o Needs-based funding
- o Commitment to the child ratio for children in the birth to 24 month age range



National Partnership Agreement



15 hours of kinder for all 3 year olds



Regulation of funded RTOs

Workforce strategy



Cross-government agreement



Has a policy that satisfies

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Community Child Care Association calls on all political parties contesting the Victorian election to stand up for continued quality education and care and asks them to commit to:

- Continuing the implementation of the Early Childhood Reform Plan
- Immediately expanding three-year-old preschool to 15 hours per week in Victoria to a wider group of children experiencing disadvantage
- Increasing investment in assessment and rating in Victoria to enable services to be assessed at least every three years
- Leading the nation with affordable high quality services accessible to all Victorian children and families
- Continue the implementation of the Murrung Aboriginal Education Plan 2016–2026
- Ensuring that current and long-term planning of education and care is linked to community needs
- Including education and care qualifications on the Free TAFE for Priority Courses initiative and increasing the number of funded places.

Our *Joint Victorian State Election Submission* has more details about these points.

Further to this, we would like to see all parties commit to:

- Investing in outside school hours care services (OSHC)

Specifically, CCC has a vision for the universal provision of school owned and operated OSHC services on every school site. OSHC services are often the main point of contact with the school for families and provide education and care for children across the entire seven years of primary school. OSHC is a primary site for learning and leisure for thousands of Victorian children. With increased integration and collaboration between schools and OSHC services, there is huge potential for building strong, connected communities and forging strong partnerships with families. Victoria needs the next State Government to implement the following:

- Requirement for all Victorian state primary schools to provide OSHC services, where demand is sufficient
- Requirement for all Victorian state primary schools to operate their own OSHC or engage in a partnership delivery model with local government or other not-for-profit provider
- Additional investment in schools to support the provision of OSHC services including:
 1. Capital investment in facilities and grants for equipment and infrastructure
 2. Resourcing and support for school principals and school councils to build strong governance and management structures
 3. Ongoing support for state government central employment of OSHC coordinators and educators.

The Victorian and Federal Governments to work together to:

- Confirm a renewed commitment to funding and developing the National Quality Agenda including:
 1. Needs-based funding
 2. Commitment to the child ratio for children in the birth to 24 month age range
- Negotiate a new National Partnership Agreement to guarantee ongoing funding for 15 hours of preschool in the year before school
- Extend the National Partnership Agreement to 15 hours of preschool for ALL children in three-year-old preschool programs
- Improving the regulation of funded registered training organisations
- Developing and implementing a workforce strategy to ensure education and care services are adequately staffed with well-trained early and middle childhood professionals who feel supported and whose skills are valued and recognised
- Developing a cross-government agreement to plan for and integrate education and care.



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