

Media release



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Goodstart welcomes SA's TAFE Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Education

Goodstart Early Learning, South Australia's largest not for profit provider of early learning and care, has welcomed today's announcement that the Federal and State government will invest \$28 million to establish a TAFE Centre of Excellence in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).

The centre will help improve the skills and capability of ECEC workers on a national scale, leverage training opportunities, strengthen employment pipelines and work with First Nations communities to support specialized community needs.

Goodstart Early Learning SA State Manager, Brooke Koenecke welcomed the investment in early childhood educators and both governments' ongoing focus on the early years.

"Goodstart is excited about this announcement and we look forward to working with the Centre of Excellence. Boosting the number of skilled workers across the sector is crucial in ensuring every child receives the best possible start in life," she said.

"We currently have 11 Certificate III Trainee Educators studying through TAFE SA and we are excited to see support for our First Nations educators as well as new and improved training and professional development opportunities for the sector.

"Today's announcement is another step in the Australian Government's investment in early childhood educators and we look forward to hearing more from the Government about increased wages following the historical commitment in the budget."



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Notes for editors: Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest not for profit early learning provider with 654 centres nationwide committed to improving the lives of Australia's children and their families. Website: goodstart.org.au.

Acknowledgement of country: Goodstart acknowledges all Traditional Custodians and recognises First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.