

Media release



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Belinda Hutchinson AC joins the Board of Goodstart Early Learning

The Chair of Goodstart Early Learning, Paul Robertson, AO has announced that one of the nation's pre-eminent business and philanthropic leaders, Belinda Hutchinson, will join the organisation's Board next month.

Ms Hutchinson AC is a Director of Australian Philanthropic Services, Qantas, Thales Australia, a member of the European Australian Business Council Corporate Council and a Trustee of the St Vincent's Curran Foundation.

She was appointed as a Companion of the Order of Australia in the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours, for 'eminent service to business, to tertiary education and scientific research, and through philanthropic endeavours to address social disadvantage'.

"Belinda is one of Australia's most experienced leaders. We are thrilled that she will bring her passion for education and her vast experience in governance to our Board as we prepare for a period of once-in-a-generation reform."

"After beginning her working life as an accountant, Belinda has become one of the most sought-after directors among private, public sector and not-for-profit organisations in Australia, contributing as a non-executive director to sectors including education, finance, philanthropy, utilities, retail, and engineering sectors," Mr Robertson said.

Ms Hutchinson was previously Chancellor of the University of Sydney for three terms, and Chair of Thales Australia, QBE Insurance Group, and Future Generation Global Investment Company. She has served as a non-executive director of Telstra Corporation, Coles Myer, Energy Australia, AGL Energy, TAB, Snowy Hydro Trading, Sydney Water, Crane Group and St Vincent's Health Australia.

"Education gives everyone a passport to a life of opportunity. It's clear that access to early education makes a profound difference to people's lives and I am very excited to be given the opportunity to work with the Board and the broader team at Goodstart Early Learning," Ms Hutchinson said.

"I look forward to drawing on my skills and experience to make a positive difference for the children and families who need access to high quality early learning to thrive."

Ms Hutchinson's executive career included her role as an Executive Director of Macquarie Group, a Vice President of Citibank, and a senior manager at Andersen Consulting (now Accenture). She has a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Sydney and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Ms Hutchinson is also a past president of Chief Executive Women, and her family runs its own charitable trust.

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Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest provider of early learning in Australia. Founded in 2010 as a not-for-profit social enterprise by Mission Australia, The Benevolent Society, The Brotherhood of St Laurence, and Social Ventures Australia, Goodstart was established with a vision to give Australia's children the best possible start in life.

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Notes for editors

Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest early learning provider with 655 centres nationwide. We're a not-for-profit social enterprise committed to improving the lives of Australia's children and their families. For more information, visit goodstart.org.au.

Acknowledgement of country

Goodstart acknowledges all Traditional Custodians across Australia and recognises First Nations peoples' continued cultural and spiritual connection to the land, sky and waterways that surround us. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.