Media release



Three Day Guarantee law for early learning a huge win for children

Parliament's approval of the Three Day Guarantee for early learning today is a huge win for Australia's children giving all children access to life changing early learning opportunities according to Goodstart Early Learning, the nation's largest not for profit provider.

Goodstart CEO Dr Ros Baxter said this was 'the best possible news' for Australia's children and their families.

"We estimate that around 40,000 children will be able to access early learning as a result of this bill and early learning will become more affordable for another 66,700 children from mostly low income families," she said.

"This will ensure that Services Australia and providers have plenty of time to do the systems changes needed for a January 1, 2026 commencement date.

"This bill follows recommendations from the Productivity Commission and the ACCC which found that the current activity testing for the Child Care Subsidy was adversely impacting on low income families accessing early learning.

"This is a great day and we thank the Parliament for giving priority to the needs of Australia's children," Dr Baxter said.



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Notes for editors: Goodstart Early Learning is Australia's largest not for profit early learning provider with 653 centres nationwide supporting 61,000 children from 51,000 families. We are 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.