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NSW LABOR’S PLAN FOR PRESCHOOL OFFERS THE LEADERSHIP PARENTS ARE LOOKING FOR

Parents are today warmly welcoming NSW Labor’s commitment to invest historic levels of funding into early education.

In welcoming the announcement, Executive Director of The Parenthood Alys Gagnon, described the commitments as ambitious.

“A healthy preschool education helps children thrive. And, ultimately, that’s the goal of every parent and should be the goal of every government.

“Mums, dads and carers in NSW have been looking for renewed leadership from state politicians on early learning,” Ms Gagnon said.

Currently, children in NSW receive the least funding per capita for early learning. This puts them behind their friends in every other state and territory.

NSW Labor’s plans also extend investment in preschool to children who attend long day care centres, where around five in six three-year-olds are enrolled and where the hours suit most parents.

“Parents and carers will be delighted by Michael Daley and Kate Washington’s commitment to extend investment in preschool for children who attend long day care centres.”

Ms Gagnon also noted the extra investment NSW Labor is planning for children in vulnerable communities.

“We know that the children who stand to benefit the most from preschool are often the children most at risk of missing out, so we particularly welcome NSW Labor’s ‘Little Kids Big Futures’ fund.

“It’s difficult to overstate the benefits of a high quality, play-based early education. The evidence that children benefit hugely from at least two years of preschool is overwhelming.

“But it’s also clear that the community also benefits from investment in early education,” Ms Gagnon said.

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