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Infrastructure grant to make childcare centre a reality in Tatachilla

The Malinauskas Labor Government is helping address a shortage of early childhood education and care places in the McLaren Vale through an infrastructure grant to Tatachilla Lutheran College.

The Flying Start Infrastructure grants are aimed at increasing preschool capacity to support the rollout of the government's three-year-old preschool commitment. This \$40m grant program is open to not-for-profit providers as a co-investment to help establish new long daycare places in areas identified as needing additional preschool spaces.

The State Government has today announced that Tatachilla Lutheran College will receive a Flying Start infrastructure grant up to the value of \$2.43m to support the construction of a new integrated long day centre, delivering much needed additional childcare capacity in this growing region of South Australia.

Quotes attributable to Blair Boyer

The government's roll-out of preschool for three-year-olds marks an exciting chapter in early childhood for this state and the largest reform to education in decades.

Wherever possible we are committed to leveraging our historic \$1.9bn investment to also address childcare accessibility issues, as recommended by the Gillard Royal Commission.

I'm really pleased to be able to support projects like the one at Tatachilla Lutheran College, which will be very significant for the McLaren Vale local community.

Quotes attributable to ALP Candidate for Mawson Jenni Mitton

It's fantastic that the Malinauskas Labor Government is supporting Tatachilla Lutheran College to establish an early learning centre.

The introduction of three-year-old preschool will directly benefit families in my community, setting the next generation up for the best start in life.

Our community needs more early learning services. This investment will give families the chance to access high quality early education at a well regarded school.

Quotes attributable to Tatachilla Lutheran College Principal Alison Thacker

The establishment of our Early Learning Centre is a deeply exciting and important moment in the life of Tatachilla Lutheran College.

For many years, families have expressed a desire to begin their Tatachilla journey earlier. This centre will allow us to nurture belonging, confidence and curiosity in children from their earliest years, while strengthening our partnerships with families during these formative stages of development.