

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Minister for Early Childhood 2 December 2020



2020-21 Budget overview

This year's Budget investment of

\$774 million



builds on our foundations as we recover from the global pandemic:

- Free Kinder for 2021
- continuing the roll-out of funded Three-Year-Old Kinder
- building our early childhood workforce
- supporting Victorian families to recover from the global pandemic
- investing in kindergarten facilities



Investing in the early years – recent Budget investment



Free Kinder

Boosting employment participation for Victorian women, helping family budgets, supporting our economy and ensuring critical access to quality early childhood education.

\$169.6 million
for Free Kinder



Saving families around
\$2,000
per child



This will benefit up to
100,000
families



Three-Year-Old Kindergarten

\$302 million



in this Budget to continue the near **\$5 billion** decade long roll-out of quality, funded Three-Year-Old Kindergarten to Victorian children

- In **2021**, it will be introduced to another 15 LGAs, making 21 in total
- In **2022**, children across the whole state will have access to at least five hours of funded Three-Year-Old kindergarten
- By **2029** around **90,000** children each year will benefit from 15 hours per week



Building our Early Childhood workforce

\$4.8 million
to fast-track teacher training



76 educators will be fast tracked to become early childhood teachers

6,000 Additional kindergarten teacher and educator jobs will be created over the next decade



Early Childhood Free TAFE Commencements in 2020



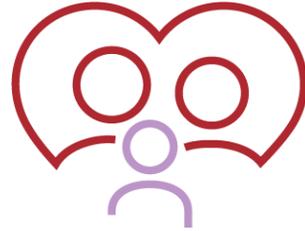
1,400 students studying Cert III of Early Childhood Education

1,700 students studying Diploma of Early Childhood Education

Enrolments up **102%** since 2019 thanks to Free TAFE



Supporting families to recover from the impacts of COVID-19



\$8.7 million

investment in supporting vulnerable children impacted by the global pandemic including:

\$1.5 million



to establish a new transition to school program for the most vulnerable children

\$2.5 million



to enable refugee and asylum seeker families to access 15 hours of funded 3YO kindergarten

\$830,000



to re-engage children from culturally and linguistic diverse communities with kindergarten programs

\$3.8 million

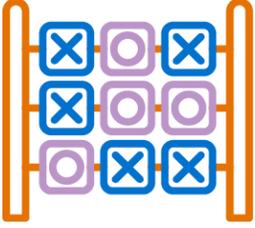


to support vulnerable children, including those in public housing communities, to better participate in early learning

Creating opportunities through infrastructure and jobs

\$68.5 million 

to boost jobs and give families the best kindergarten facilities including:

\$38.5 million  for Building Blocks to build, expand and create more inclusive early learning facilities. This will deliver

1,500  additional kindergarten places

\$30 million  for minor capital works. This will create more than

180  jobs in construction and associated industries

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