

Media Release

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Holly Grove Early Learning meets national standards

Holly Grove Early Learning has been rated Meeting National Quality Standard under the National Quality Framework.

The National Quality Standard (NQS) sets a national benchmark for the quality of children's education and care services across Australia.

Services are assessed against the NQS by the state or territory regulatory authority and receive a rating for each of the seven quality areas of the NQS, as well as an overall rating.

"An overall rating of Meeting NQS is given to services that provide quality education and care in all seven quality areas," Director Sandra Brown of Holly Grove Early Learning said.

"Our outdoor play area, nature garden and the attention educators and children give to caring for their environment were highlighted as being exceptional," Ms Brown said.

"We were rated as Exceeding NQS in the Physical Environment quality area because of our environmental initiatives.

"The assessors also noted the respectful and supportive relationships our educators have developed with families and our local community, which also led to us being rated 'Exceeding' in the Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities quality area.

"Our children and educators really enjoy their weekly visit with seniors at the Holly Grove Retirement Village and the children bring the elderly residents such joy."

The National Quality Framework (NQF) for early childhood education and care was agreed by all Australian governments to get better educational and development outcomes for children using education and care services.

Implementation of the NQF is guided by the <u>Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority</u> (ACECQA).

To find out more information about the NQF and service ratings, visit the <u>ACECQA website</u> or ACECQA's family focused website, <u>Starting Blocks</u>.

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