



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Early Learning and Care Centre to Open in Merewether

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, was today pleased to announce the establishment of an Early Learning and Care Centre, located in Merewether.

The Centre is one of the nine announced today by Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Education and Child Care, Maxine McKew, and will be located at Merewether Heights Public School.

When completed the new centre will provide additional child care places in a long day care setting for up to 50 children.

"I welcome the Rudd Labor Government's commitment to delivering high quality, affordable and accessible early learning and care to children and their families," Ms Grierson said.

"This announcement is a step in the right direction. It will be a great benefit to many people in the Newcastle community – providing a valuable service to families while supporting local jobs and the economy."

The Australian Government has allocated approximately \$14.4 million for the construction of the nine centres.

As part of its commitment to the shared endeavour, the NSW Government has contributed land for the establishment of five of the nine Early Learning and Care Centres.

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