Local kindergartens join $40m pilot project

Six local kindergartens will benefit from a Palaszczuk Government $40 million “Kindy Uplift Programme”.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga today visited the Yeppoon and District Kindergarten and said the targeted, three-year pilot programme will provide extra support for vulnerable and disadvantaged children across the state.

She said more than 400 kindergartens will take part to capitalise on the proven benefits flowing on from kindies to early education.

“Bundara Kindergarten, C&K Taranganba Community Kindergarten, Kinta Kids Child Care Centre, St Anthony’s Catholic Kindergarten, and Yeppoon and District Kindergarten plus its pre-school campus, have been identified to take part in the pilot.”
She said not every child arrives at the kindergarten gate on the same level academically, physically and capably, so we want to ensure all kids have the chance to reach their full potential.

“Kindy Uplift aims to help about 13,500 kids statewide each year to get the most out of their time in kindy,” said Ms Lauga.

“This will come about through a range of programmes focusing on five targeted improvement areas including oral language and communication; process information and responding; physicality; social and emotional capability; and access and inclusion.”

She congratulated kindergarten director Helen Dawson for her role in the pilot, and looked forward to feedback as the programme was rolled out.

For more information visit: www.qld.gov.au/kindyuplift

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