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Universal Access to Early Learning

Communique #2

Research and Development Project Summary Report Released

In June 2025, DECYP released a Summary Report developed by Ernst & Young (EY) to communicate key findings from the Research and Development Project.

DECYP engaged Ernst & Young in 2024 to undertake stakeholder engagement and economic modelling to better understand issues, barriers to ECEC service expansion and opportunities to overcome them, including in Greater Hobart and Greater Launceston.

Findings from this project will inform actions toward the long-term goal of Universal Access to early learning for three year olds in Tasmania, and is an important part of the partnership approach between the Tasmanian Government and the ECEC sector to achieve this goal.

The Summary Report includes key findings from the project regarding the current challenges facing the ECEC sector in Tasmania and insights based on economic modelling.

To view the Summary Report please visit Early Learning for Three Year Olds initiative - Department for Education, Children and Young People

Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) - Trial Site Evaluations

Deloitte Access Economics has been appointed as the independent consultant to evaluate the Early Learning for Three Year Olds (EL3) trial sites. Work is currently in progress to finalise the Evaluation Framework that will guide these evaluations.

This evaluation is an opportunity to assess the implementation and impact of the EL3 trial sites, unpacking ‘what works’ and ‘why it works’.

The objectives of the evaluation are centred around understanding:

- **Implementation:** Implementation insights and areas for refinement – including the effectiveness of the processes and supports provided to enable quality early learning for three year olds in the trial sites.
- **Impact:** Whether the trial sites deliver positive outcomes for children, families, and communities, and understand their impact on existing early learning services.
- **Transferability:** The trial site service models' (or successful elements) transferability to other communities within the State, especially those with limited or no existing early learning capacity.

The evaluation will conclude in October 2026 and involve consultation with Local Enabling Groups (LEGs), trial site service providers, children and families, relevant community organisations, DECYP and the Advisory Group.

Once the evaluation is complete, a public report will be shared highlighting the evaluation findings and outcomes.

Have a question or comment?

Further information including previous Communiques can be found at: https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/community-and-engagement/early-learning-for-three-year-olds/

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