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MEDIA RELEASE

Bayswater North kindergarten on track for future

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria today congratulated Arrabri Kindergarten in Bayswater North on being the successful recipient of \$6125 for a minor infrastructure grant and an IT grant.

Arrabri Kindergarten has been given \$10,000 towards construction of a bike path at the centre under the 2014-15 Children's Capital Grant program.

"This is great news for Maroondah families, and particularly for Bayswater North families whose children directly benefit from these upgrades," Ms Victoria said.

"Arrabri Kindergarten children can now practice riding their trikes and bikes, gaining valuable skills which will give them added resilience and confidence.

Ms Victoria said the IT grant will enable the kinder to purchase a laptop computer and help to ensure the day to day operation of the centre ran smoothly.

"The Coalition Government is building a better Victoria by supporting 643 Victorian kindergartens and children's centres to upgrade their facilities and IT systems through \$2.9 million in grants."

Each of the minor grants will be used to enhance kindergarten programs by improving disability access, building better playgrounds, installing sensory gardens, building bigger playrooms and maximising storage space for centres.

The Information Technology grants will supply kindergartens across Victoria with around 200 desktop computers, 150 tablets, 80 laptops, 25 printers and 20 touch tables to better support early years teachers and staff.

Since December 2010, a record \$120 million has been invested in building and upgrading kindergarten facilities across the state, generating hundreds of jobs in building, construction and related industries.

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