



## ▶ Additional Early Childhood Education University Places

### What is this initiative?

The Australian Government has provided \$53.9 million to create additional Commonwealth supported university places for students wishing to undertake early childhood education qualifications, starting with 500 places in 2009 and rising to 1 500 additional places by 2011.

The funds have been allocated to universities across the country.

### Why the Government is implementing this initiative?

The Australian Government is committed to the goal of Universal Access to early childhood education. Universal Access will provide 15 hours a week of affordable quality early childhood education to all children in the year before formal schooling. To meet this goal, more university trained early childhood teachers are required.

### Who will benefit?

Demand for early childhood teachers is expected to grow strongly over the coming years. If you have ever considered becoming an early childhood teacher, now is a great time to do so.

There are a range of early childhood education degrees designed to suit different needs and backgrounds. Beyond the standard four year undergraduate degree, many universities offer shorter degrees for child care workers wishing to upgrade their Diploma of Children's Services. Others offer tailored degrees for graduates of other disciplines wishing to become an early childhood teacher. Many courses also offer part time study, allowing students to continue to work while gaining their qualification.

### When will this happen?

The additional early childhood education places commence in 2009. You should check your preferred university for application deadlines and further information.

### When will I know which universities are offering additional places?

Information on all universities offering the additional early childhood education places in 2009 is attached<sup>1</sup>.

### How do I find out more about this initiative?

Further information is available on the Office of Early Childhood Education & Child Care website [www.office.mychild.gov.au](http://www.office.mychild.gov.au).

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<sup>1</sup> Please see overleaf for a list of the Universities.

## Allocation of new early childhood education places for 2009

### NEW SOUTH WALES—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>Macquarie University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)	UG	North Ryde	20
			<b>Total 20</b>
<b>Avondale College</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Lake Macquarie	5
			<b>Total 5</b>
<b>Southern Cross University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Lismore	25
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Tweed Gold Coast	25
			<b>Total 50</b>
<b>Charles Sturt University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Birth to 5 Years)	UG	Bathurst/Distance Education	35
			<b>Total 35</b>
<b>The University of Notre Dame Australia</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Birth to Twelve)	UG	Sydney	20
			<b>Total 20</b>
<b>University of Wollongong</b>			
Bachelor of Education: The Early Years	UG	Wollongong	35
			<b>Total 35</b>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)	UG	Strathfield	25
			<b>Total 25</b>
<b>State Total</b>			<b>190</b>

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>University of Canberra</b>			
Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Teaching (CIT)	UG	Canberra	5
Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Teaching (3-8)	UG	Canberra	10
			<b>Total 15</b>
<b>Territory Total</b>			<b>15</b>

## VICTORIA—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>Victoria University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary)	UG	Melton/St Albans	25
			<b>Total 25</b>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)	UG	Melbourne	15
			<b>Total 15</b>
<b>University of Ballarat</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Mt Helen	20
			<b>Total 20</b>
<b>Monash University</b>			
Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies	UG	Peninsula	20
Bachelor or Early Childhood Education	UG	Peninsula	5
			<b>Total 25</b>
<b>Deakin University</b>			
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	UG	Melbourne at Burwood	10
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education	UG	Geelong at Waurin Ponds	5
			<b>Total 15</b>
<b>RMIT University</b>			
Graduate Diploma Education (Early Childhood)	PG	Bundoora	15
			<b>Total 15</b>
<b>State Total</b>			<b>115</b>

## QUEENSLAND—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>Queensland University of Technology</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Kelvin Grove	30
			<b>Total 30</b>
<b>Australian Catholic University</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)	UG	Brisbane	20
			<b>Total 20</b>
<b>Christian Heritage College</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Early Childhood)	UG	Mansfield	25
			<b>Total 25</b>
<b>State Total</b>			<b>75</b>

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>Edith Cowan University</b>			
Education—Early Childhood (UG 4 Years)	UG	Mount Lawley	15
Education—Grad Dip (1 year)	PG	Mount Lawley	5
			<b>Total</b> 20
<b>The University of Notre Dame Australia</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Fremantle	20
			<b>Total</b> 20
<b>Curtin University of Technology</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Education)	UG	Bentley	20
			<b>Total</b> 20
<b>State Total</b>			<b>60</b>

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>The Flinders University of South Australia</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood), Bachelor of Arts	UG	Bedford Park	15
			<b>Total</b> 15
<b>State Total</b>			<b>15</b>

### NORTHERN TERRITORY—2009 early childhood education places

Course Name	Level	Campus	Places allocated
<b>Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education</b>			
Batchelor of Education (Early Childhood)	UG	Batchelor	15
			<b>Total</b> 15
<b>Charles Darwin University</b>			
Bachelor of Teaching and Learning Pre-Registration	UG	Casuarina/Alice Springs/ Flexible	10
Bachelor of Children's Services plus Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning	UG	Casuarina/Alice Springs/ Flexible	5
			<b>Total</b> 15
<b>Territory Total</b>			<b>30</b>

**Australia Total** 500