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Children's Services
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KU Corrimal East Preschool rated as one of the best in the country

KU Corrimal East Preschool has been rated in the top 1 % of early education services in the country by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

The preschool's recent 'Excellent' rating under the early education National Quality Standards, is a significant achievement, and recognises the exemplary program and strong relationships that exist between the centre's staff, children, families and the local community.



"We are so excited to receive this rating. We are very proud of our centre and it is great to see the work we do with regards to relationships with children and families being acknowledged formally," said KU Corrimal East Director, Megan Dodds.

In awarding the 'Excellent' rating, ACECQA recognised the strong partnerships the preschool has developed over time with professionals and the local community, including child psychologist Robyn Dolby through the Circle of Security and Marte Meo programs, the University of Wollongong Professional Partnerships and Early Start programs, Wollongong City Council, and the Corrimal Community Information Hub amongst others.

"The opportunity, over many years, to develop better ways of working with young children through our engagement with Dr Robyn Dolby and Circle of Security has been invaluable," said Ms Dodds.

In its assessment, ACECQA also acknowledged the preschool staff's sustained commitment to professional development and willingness to share their experience and expertise with other educators, parents and the wider community, helping to further enhance learning outcomes for local children.

"This is a fantastic achievement, and a well deserved recognition of the time and effort put in by the staff at KU Corrimal East Preschool over the past 10 years. We are delighted to see this wonderful team of early childhood professionals recognised for their sustained engagement with researchers and their local community to benefit young children and their families," said KU Children's Services Chief Executive Officer, Christine Legg.

KU Children's Services and the National Quality Standards

The National Quality Standards ratings are undertaken by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and cover seven 'Quality Areas' including educational program, children's health and safety, physical environment, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, partnerships with families and communities, and leadership and management of the service.

By receiving the 'Excellent' rating, KU Corrimal East Preschool becomes one of only 10 services in New South Wales to reach the highest possible standard.

Over 95 % of the KU services rated so far have received either an 'Excellent', 'Exceeding' or 'Meeting' rating, which is higher than the NSW average of just 57 % (Source: Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority Snapshot – August 2015).

Established in 1895, KU is a leading community based, not-for-profit provider of early education and care. This wealth of knowledge and experience allows KU to enrich the lives of more than 14,500 children and families each year, in close to 150 services and programs.



Educators work alongside children at KU Corrimal East Preschool

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