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LOCAL TEACHERS URGED TO APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Member for Murray Austin Evans is urging all diploma-qualified early childhood educators in Murray to consider applying for a scholarship to boost their qualifications.

Minister for Early Childhood Education Sarah Mitchell has announced that applications for the next round of the NSW Government's Rural and Remote Early Childhood Education scholarships are open now until 9 June 2018.

Mr Evans said these scholarships have already had an impact on services across Murray and NSW.

"Since this scholarship program was introduced, the NSW Government has supported 109 educators across the state to upskill. That's 109 more bachelor qualified teachers giving our children the best possible early childhood education," he said.

"These scholarships are flexible and can be used for a number of costs incurred during studies. This could include textbooks, travel costs, technology to support study, or course fees.

"I strongly urge anyone who is eligible to think about applying."

Minister Mitchell said she is proud the NSW Government is continuing to support educators in rural and remote parts of the state.

"Everyone knows how crucial early childhood educators are in ensuring our children have the best start to their educational journeys as possible, no matter where they're from," Ms Mitchell said.

The scholarships, valued up to \$10,000, are available to candidates working in a rural or remote community preschool, mobile preschool or long day care service and must not have already commenced an early childhood teaching degree.

This is the fourth round of the \$1.3 million scholarship program, which will award up to 30 scholarships every year for four years from 2017 to 2020.

For more information on the scholarships and how to apply, visit the Department of Education website at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/working-in-early-childhood-education/professional-development-and-scholarships/rural-and-remote-early-childhood-teaching-scholarships>

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