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Minister for Education

Lia Finocchiaro, Member for Drysdale

Palmerston learning centre recognised as ‘Excellent’

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Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre has been recognised with an ‘Excellent’ rating from the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

Minister for Education Peter Chandler commended the staff for their efforts to raise the bar on quality education and care, and to provide young Territorians in their care with the best start in life.

“This is an exciting milestone for Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre and one that is thoroughly deserved,” Mr Chandler said.

“The awarding of the Excellent rating indicates that they are embracing continuous quality improvement and putting the needs of students first.”

Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre is a not-for-profit community based family day care that has been providing education and care to young Territorians for 21 years.

Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre currently has 15 educators providing education and care for 74 children in the Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine regions.

ACECQA Board Chair Rachel Hunter said Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre, which operates family day care services in Darwin, Palmerston and Katherine, showed exceptional practice across a range of areas.

“Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre understands that by celebrating culture and diversity and supporting educators, you create an environment where children can thrive,” Ms Hunter said.

Member for Drysdale Lia Finocchiaro welcomed this rating and said it is the highest rating that can be given to children’s education and care services.

“Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre has proven to be diverse and respected in the Territory and this rating will help families make informed choices about the education and care of their children,” Mrs Finocchiaro said.

Kentish Lifelong Learning Centre is the second service in the Northern Territory to be issued the coveted rating with Berry Springs Preschool achieving the excellent status in November 2014.
Out of more than 15,000 services nationally, Kentish is one of only 42 to have achieved an excellent rating.

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