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Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

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$3.13m boost for Braitling Primary School

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Chief Minister and Member for Braitling, Adam Giles, has announced the Northern Territory Government will invest $3.13 million to complete Braitling Primary School’s early childhood precinct.

Mr Giles said the project will include construction of a shared community area with an outdoor play space and improved canteen facilities to create a family-friendly environment.

It follows the $4 million investment in last year’s Budget to co-locate a preschool with Braitling Primary.

Construction of the new preschool is ahead of schedule and the first students are expected to move in towards the end of this year.

“Locating the early childhood precinct at the primary school with the new preschool will provide a seamless and supported education pathway from early years through to preschool and transition to school,” Mr Giles said.

“The new areas will be next to the new Braitling Preschool in a clearly defined precinct, creating a convenient, safe and inviting space for local families and their young children.”

Mr Giles said the building works would create jobs and deliver local economic benefits.

Education Minister Peter Chandler said the Government recognises the importance of providing quality early-years education for young Territorians from birth.

“Children who have a caring, healthy and stimulating early childhood are more likely to be successful at school and be socially connected as they grow older,” Mr Chandler said.

“Australian research shows that children who attended high-quality early childhood programs in the year before starting school made the transition to school more easily and had better Year 3 NAPLAN results.”
“This new precinct will also enable more local indigenous children and families to access quality early childhood education programs from birth, making it possible for them to grow to be confident, successful lifelong learners.”