

DARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL – IMPACT OF PRESCHOOL FEE INCREASES

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Children who attend Department of Education school-based preschools receive an affordable, quality preschool experience. This has been demonstrated as providing an indispensable basis for social and educational development.

Parents of children attending the Darlington Public School and members of our community bring to the attention of the House that Darlington is a socially and economically diverse community in which there are many parents financially unable to provide their children with a quality preschool experience.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the Legislative Assembly to reverse a decision by Minister Piccoli to more than double fees at the Darlington Department of Education community preschool. This action has made fees prohibitively high. Overall enrolments have already dropped by two thirds and we have grave concerns about the implications this may have for the viability of the preschool and its impact on the school more broadly.

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