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MORE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PLACES FOR BUSY FAMILIES IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE

More working families in the Castle Hill area will have access to flexible before and after school care for their children, following the announcement that Beaumont Hills Public School and St. Bernadette's Public School have been successful in their applications for the NSW Government's Before and After School Care Fund.

Both schools have been awarded \$30,000 in funding towards their out of school hours care program, creating more new before and after school places for students.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP praised the schools for applying for a grant under the Before and After School Care Fund, a \$20 million NSW Government initiative designed to create more places in out of school hours care programs across the state.

"This funding is great news for busy families who need the extra flexibility that before and after school care provides," Mr Williams said.

Minister for Early Childhood Education, Sarah Mitchell, said applications are currently open for Before and After School Care grants and encouraged all schools, P&C groups, community groups and not-for-profit organisations to apply.

"With a 4 year-old daughter and another baby on the way, I understand that every family has different childcare needs and this can often be stressful to coordinate," Mrs Mitchell said.

"This grant program is just another way the NSW Government is helping families access the childcare support that they need."

For more information on the Before and After School Care Fund, visit the Department of Education website at www.dec.nsw.gov.au/our-services/children-and-youth/out-of-hours-school-care-grant.

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