



Media Release

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Supporting children with Autism through the NDIS

I am delighted that Abacus Learning Centre in Hastings has become one of the first providers on the Mornington Peninsula to offer assistance under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Abacus is a not-for-profit organisation that provides intensive early intervention therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), assisting them to reach their potential.

I have seen first-hand the difference Abacus can make in a child's life and know how valuable this therapy is in giving children with Autism the best start in life.

The therapy provided by Abacus is held in such high esteem that families travel from as far away as Torquay to access the service.

Abacus is one of only two providers on the Mornington Peninsula that has been approved as a registered provider of the NDIS; the other provider is Lifestyle Centred Services in Mornington.

The NDIS is about value for money support for people with a disability. Government investment in the NDIS is directed to high-quality services for Australians with disability and Abacus is a fantastic example of this.

Abacus executive director Lauren Moore said it was brilliant to be one of the first registered providers through the NDIS on the Mornington Peninsula.

“Abacus is the first ABA therapy centre in the Southern Metropolitan area to be registered under the NDIS to provide early intervention therapy for children with ASD,” she said.

“This means that when the NDIS is rolled out to the Mornington Peninsula, local children with ASD will be eligible for assistance such as assessment, Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) therapy and school integration assistance through the scheme.”

I encourage local families who have a child diagnosed with autism to contact Abacus on 5979 8891 and enquire about the assistance they can provide.

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