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Wonderschool Throsby set to wow Canberra's Northern Suburbs

Canberra's newest early childhood service, <u>Wonderschool Throsby</u>, was officially launched last night at a unique Twilight opening for families and children in the Canberra community. The launch was a meaningful expression of the centre's aims to take a contemporary approach to early childhood education.

"Our approach to education is thoughtfully planned and carefully implemented by our teams of high performing professional educators. We offer children uninterrupted time and opportunities to discover, learn, create, play and experience moments of genuine wonder. Our educators empower children to develop resilience, empathy, conflict resolution, social justice perspectives and self-efficacy," said Sarah Wilcox, Wonderschool Operations Manager.

"Wonderschool Throsby is a unique space filled with beauty. The light-filled rooms, large open learning spaces, natural resources and art throughout the centre inspire our educators and children. Our expansive outdoor play area is waiting to be discovered by little hands and big minds.

"We know Wonderschool is wonderful to look at, but what truly defines us is the respectful relationships we place at the heart of our practices. We provide children with enriching experiences that build communities and establish strong dispositions for learning. We value children as active participants in our community.

"Meals are an important part of our day at Wonderschool and we will provide children with nutritious, tasty cuisine. There are so many opportunities during mealtimes to support children's development. These include kitchen garden programs and cooking skills, all of which will be a prominent part of a child's day at Wonderschool. The large sunlit dining room offers a multitude of social and sensory delights, bringing the centre together. "The children who attend our Wonderschool Early Childhood Services will be encouraged to engage in risky play in our natural spaces, engage in creative art experiences, explore our local community spaces and delve into extended research projects with their educators," Sarah explained.

Wonderschool Throsby's launch included a Welcome to Country by Ngunnawal Traditional Custodian, Tyronne Bell – demonstrating their commitment to providing a culturally inclusive space and acknowledging the Ngunnawal people as the first custodians of the land on which they work and play. There was over 70 in attendance at last night's launch, where Sarah revealed that the first children will be attending the centre next week, from Monday 9th December 2019.

"Wonderschool Throsby is now taking enrolments for children wishing to attend from January 2020.

"We are looking forward to walking alongside the children and families of Canberra's north during these important early years and welcoming them to our Wonderschool community," concluded Sarah.

Wonderschool Throsby is located at 54 Kunapalari Street in Throsby and will open from 7:00am to 6:00pm Monday to Friday. For more information on Wonderschool Throsby, visit <u>www.wonderschool.com.au</u> To waitlist your child, email <u>throsby@wonderschool.com.au</u>

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