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LAST CALL FOR BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE SAVINGS IN 2023

Parents of primary school-aged children are encouraged to download the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government's \$500 Before and After School Care (BASC) voucher by 31 January 2023.

The NSW Government's \$155 million BASC Voucher Program helps families with household budget pressures, and more than 305,000 vouchers have already been downloaded by parents. Of these, more than 219,000 have been redeemed at a BASC service to help families with the cost of care. Parents have until 30 June 2023 to redeem BASC vouchers at a participating service.

NSW Treasurer Matt Kean said the \$500 BASC vouchers are one of the ways the Liberal and Nationals Government are supporting NSW families to juggle work and family responsibilities.

"We know the Before and After School Care vouchers help to ease financial pressures and give parents and carers increased flexibility with their work commitments," Mr Kean said.

"Supporting working families is a priority of this government, with more than 70 rebates and vouchers available putting money back in the household budget."

Minister for Education and Early Learning Sarah Mitchell encouraged parents to download the \$500 voucher before they close at the end of the month.

"Families with a child going into Kindergarten in 2023 can access the voucher – but with the deadline of 31 January 2023 fast approaching, time is running out to enjoy those savings!" Ms Mitchell said.

"Before and after school care services are an essential part of our school communities, providing working families with a range of options for their child to have a safe place to learn, play and socialise.

"Once downloaded, parents can use these vouchers up until 30 June 2023, allowing families to take advantage of both before and after school care and vacation care in the coming months."

The Before and After School Voucher Program is delivered in partnership with Service NSW.

Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government, Victor Dominello said BASC vouchers are easy to download and can be redeemed at their local participating BASC Service.

“I encourage all parents and carers with children enrolled in Before and After School Care to jump on the Service NSW app or website to claim their vouchers before the start of the new school year,” Mr Dominello said.

“The process of redeeming the vouchers is very simple and a list of participating BASC providers is available on the Service NSW website.”

Customers can register and apply online via a MyService NSW account, in the app, or by visiting their nearest Service Centre.

To apply or find out more information about BASC vouchers, visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/basc-voucher>.

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