Minister explores Early Childhood – video transcript 16/2/12

Narrator:

Victorian Minister for Early Childhood Development, the Hon Wendy Lovell visited La Trobe University’s Bendigo campus to look at the teaching facilities in the Education Faculty and to talk to staff and students involved in early childhood education.

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La Trobe University is the major provider of higher education programs in regional Victoria and the Education Faculty is committed to providing the best possible education for future teachers.

*Jenny Masters:*

*We are offering a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and it qualifies those students to be early childhood teachers and also primary teachers, they are qualified to teach children from birth to twelve years old.*

 *Prof. Lorraine Ling:*

*A teacher is a person at whatever level who cannot help but have an impact on the people with whom they deal, and that impact will either be a positive one or a negative one, and we want to ensure that its a positive one that builds a love for learning and it builds a curiosity which hopefully they will retain throughout their lives.*

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The Federal Government Office of Early Childhood Education and Child Care stated aim is ‘to achieve a nationally consistent, accessible, affordable and high quality early childhood education and child care system for all Australian children and families.’

*Jenny Masters:*

*The new national framework is about providing quality education for all children right from birth, so what we are doing is training teachers to work with young children, they need to be qualified and they need to be highly qualified to educate all children.*

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Early Childhood Education students speak highly of the course at La Trobe University and are looking forward to the day that they enter the field as qualified teachers.

*Jennifer Kelly - student:*

*Learning theory from this course has helped me be more patient in my teaching maybe, and think more about the kids and help my teaching through knowing kids, when I go out on prac with this course I know how to interact with kids really well*.

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