



Australian Government

**Department of Education,
Skills and Employment**

**Acting Deputy Secretary
Robyn Shannon**

Dear Chief Executive Officer

ParentsNext Deed 2018-2021 extension

As announced by Senator the Hon Michaelia Cash, the Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, the ParentsNext Deed 2018-2021 (the Deed) will be extended for three years from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024.

Since ParentsNext expanded nationally in July 2018, more than 133,000 parents and carers have been assisted in the program. Over 56,000 parents and carers have commenced education and more than 27,000 gained employment.

Given the continued overall good performance by providers and to ensure participants gain the maximum benefit from the program, the Minister has determined to extend all existing ParentsNext Deeds. In due course, you will receive formal notice of the extension of the Deed, including any related variations to existing terms and conditions.

Extending the Deed for a further three years ensures continuity of servicing for vulnerable parents and carers, as well as providing certainty for the market in this challenging time as we respond to COVID-19 and rebuild the economy.

I want to also take this opportunity to acknowledge your responsiveness and adaptability during the COVID-19 pandemic and thank you and your organisation for continuing to provide support to parents and carers in the program during this time. I look forward to continuing to work with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Shannon".

Robyn Shannon

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