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Media Release:

Pre-School upgrades their heating and cooling system

Children at Singleton Heights Pre-School are far more comfortable in class with the installation of a new ducted air-conditioning system, thanks to fundraising and a \$10,000 donation from Ashton Coal.

This funding has enabled the purchase and installation of ducted air conditioning for three classrooms, replacing the existing split system units.

Neisha Dean, Director of Singleton Heights Pre-School was delighted with the new system, especially as the weather heats up.

“We recognised the need to upgrade our ducted air conditioning a while ago with students and teachers not feeling adequate air flow and parts of the classroom being cold and some parts were hot.

“Research has shown that a hot classroom can affect academic performance and concentration levels so we are thankful our children can now enjoy a consistent and controlled temperature.

“The newly installed air conditioning will allow the teachers to regulate the temperature level in their classrooms and help students focus and improve learning opportunities,” said Neisha.

Singleton Heights Pre-School has been operating for over 35 years and is a community owned and volunteer managed, non-for-profit Pre-School that teaches 80 children per day, aged three to six years old. As a community facility, Singleton Heights Pre-School is committed to not only education but improving the environment and reducing their long-term environmental impact on the community.

Ashton Coal Operations Manager, Michael Bartlett, was happy to help upgrade the pre-schools facilities.

“We have supported Singleton Heights Pre-School for several years and were pleased we could continue this assistance by helping fund the new ducted air conditioning system.

“All children and students deserve a comfortable, clean and healthy classroom, giving them the best possible environment to learn.

“We hope the teachers and students are enjoying the new heating and cooling system and have a great rest of the year,” said Michael.

The Ashton Coal Community Support Program runs annually and is funded by Yancoal Australia, aiming to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in the Hunter Valley.

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