

# EQUALIS NEWS



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## Certificate III in Children's Services now compulsory

The Australian Government, in partnership with all state and territory governments has introduced a National Quality Framework for Childhood Education and Care. With this comes the improvement of staff qualifications to ensure improved outcomes for children through a greater understanding of health and safety issues and more qualified staff that will be more able to lead activities that inspire and lead children.

Equalis welcomes the National Quality Framework which will allow for a new National Quality Standard that will ensure a high standard of quality care and education for children Australia wide.

The new National Quality Standard will be divided into;

- Educational program and practice
- Children's health and safety
- Physical environment
- Improved staffing arrangements
- Relationships with children
- Collaborative partnerships with families and communities
- Leadership and service management

The new Framework will also aim to provide families with important information for selecting the best services for their child and will require all providers of long day care, family day care, outside school hours care and preschools across Australia to improve services through;

- Improved staff to child ratios
- A new quality rating system to ensure families have access to transparent information about the quality of care and education being provided
- A new national body to ensure early childhood education and care is of a high standard

Changes commence in July this year and by 1 January, 2014 family day care coordinators will need a diploma level early childhood and care qualification or above while family day carers will be required to have or be actively working toward a Certificate III level early childhood education and care qualification or equivalent.

Long day care centres and preschools will also require staff to have at minimum a Certificate III early childhood education and care qualification or equivalent and half of all staff will need to have or be actively working towards a

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diploma-level early childhood education and care qualification or above.

For more information on these changes visit [www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood](http://www.deewr.gov.au/earlychildhood)

Equalis offers Certificate III and Diploma in Children's Services through the traineeship program. For information please contact Equalis National Office on 1300 653 340 or email [training@equalis.com.au](mailto:training@equalis.com.au)

## A NOTE FROM NARELLE

Often disadvantaged children miss out on the important support they need while attending school. This could be something as simple as having books in their home through to being unable to attend school excursions and activities.

This year Equalis decided to give back a little bit to the community by sponsoring a disadvantaged Australian child to attend primary school for a year and have the opportunity to realise their potential through education.

Education is often the key to a child's growth in not only intellect and knowledge but also socially and emotionally and the team at Equalis is proud to help promote and encourage education while giving a small child the chance to learn and grow.

For more information visit [www.thesmithfamily.com.au](http://www.thesmithfamily.com.au)

## EQUALIS SPREADING ITS WINGS!

Equalis now has a Queensland office! In the first week of February Narelle spent some time in Brisbane with new Equalis QLD managers Shannon and Darren Ince.

Equalis is a national RTO providing training in the community service sector to students nationwide. Dedicated to providing flexible training delivery to cater for regional students the addition of a QLD office is a very exciting development for Equalis staff and students.

Visit <http://www.equalis.com.au/whoweare.htm> for more information on Shannon and Darren, the newest members of Equalis.



## EQUALIS I.T UPDATE

### Facebook

Equalis is now on Facebook and Twitter. We hope you have all been keeping up to date with Equalis happenings and industry news on FB and Twitter.

For the month of February we are asking you to become a fan of 'Equalis – Registered Training Organisation' on Facebook and be in the running to win a \$150 Coles/Myer gift voucher. All you have to do is become a fan of Equalis then send an email to [admin@equalis.com.au](mailto:admin@equalis.com.au) with your name, phone number, address and what area of training you are currently training in or interested in and you could win!

We will announce the winner of the gift voucher in the March issue of 'Equalis News'.

### Student Text Messaging

Equalis is keeping up with the times and saving you time by introducing student text messaging. Staff will now be able to send student's a text message to keep them informed of what is happening at Equalis. This could include a friendly reminder of due dates for assessments, important industry news, registration information or a simple happy birthday text!

If you would like to receive these important notifications by text saving you money and time please fill in the online form <http://www.equalis.com.au/feedback.htm> and quote 'student text messaging' in the comment box provided.

### Webinars

Forging into the information age, Equalis is currently working toward introducing webinars as a delivery mode for training. A webinar is a presentation, seminar, or tutorial delivered to students online. We will have more information on webinars in the March newsletter.

# CENTRELINK SUPPORTED COURSES AVAILABLE FOR STUDY THROUGH EQUALIS

Equalis is pleased to inform current and potential students of the latest Centrelink supported courses on offer when studying through Equalis.

The following courses can be completed without affecting Centrelink payments:

- CHC10108 - Certificate I in Work Preparation
- CHC20108 - Certificate II in Community Services
- CHC30208 - Certificate III in Aged Care
- CHC30308 - Certificate III in Home and Community Care
- CHC30408 - Certificate III in Disability
- CHC30708 - Certificate III in Children's Services
- CHC30908 - Certificate III in Employment Services
- CHC40108 - Certificate IV in Aged Care
- CHC40308 - Certificate IV in Disability
- CHC41808 - Certificate IV in Youth Work
- CHC40508 - Certificate IV in Mental Health
- BSB40807 - Certificate IV in Frontline Management
- CHC50108 - Diploma of Disability
- CHC50908 - Diploma of Children's Services (early childhood education and care)
- CHC51408 - Diploma of Youth Work
- BSB511107 - Diploma of Business

For information on the above courses or any other courses on offer through Equalis please contact the national office on 1300 653 340 or email [mail@equalis.com.au](mailto:mail@equalis.com.au)

## GREEN UPDATE!

### Equalis Green Mission Statement

Equalis promotes a workplace environment which encourages minimal environmental impact through product reuse, energy efficiency, materials innovation and design recyclability. This philosophy embraces a positive environmental consciousness and responsibility.

### Green Initiatives

Equalis has made definite plans to 'green' our company in 2010. We are preparing for a strong obligation to the environment and sustainability within our workplace. This will be an ongoing process that we feel most passionate about.

We have commenced our commitment by partnering with Planet Ark in their Cartridges for Planet Ark Campaign ([www.Cartridges.PlanetArk.org](http://www.Cartridges.PlanetArk.org)) and inviting all businesses in the national office building to join in.

A SULO office paper recycling system has been installed, the 'carbon offset' option is selected when purchasing business flights and we have partnered with a local office supplies company to provide and use eco friendly office products that are recyclable, refillable and reusable.

## AFFIRMATION

**"Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life."**

~Confucius

