

## **Top marks for care centre's new owners**

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JUST 18 months after taking over Top Ryde Early Learning, staff have been commended on the outstanding quality of the early childhood education service they provide.

Their independent review gave them a perfect score, indicating they were operating at a standard of international best practice for high quality.

The site has been a childcare centre for more than 30 years, as Bluebird Kindergarten and Ryde Kindergarten, and about five years ago became a CFK and then an ABC centre.

Nesha O'Neil and Lorna King purchased the centre from CFK's receivers when the company collapsed.

"There was a lot of work to do," Ms O'Neil said. "We've invested heavily in improving the environment - both indoors and the outdoor learning space.

"We've also spent a lot of time and resources ensuring that our teachers are leading a program that really provides the best early learning available."

Ms King said the play-based program was what early childhood experts agreed provided children with essential critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

The National Child Care Accreditation Council conducts quality reviews of centres every three years.

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