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C&K helps Queensland beat the nation in NQF ratings

Queensland's largest early childhood education and care provider C&K continues to perform well above national ratings in the National Quality Framework (NQF) assessment and ratings.

The latest snapshot released by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) reveals only 26 per cent of education and care services in Australia have received an 'Exceeding' rating.

C&K is proud to announce 63 per cent of its services have been awarded an 'Exceeding' rating, helping to boost Queensland's average to 38 per cent, well above the national average.

185 out of C&K's 362 services have been rated as of 8 August 2014.

Queensland has equal highest percentage of 'Exceeding' ratings, alongside South Australia. New South Wales has been awarded 19 per cent and Victoria 30 per cent.

C&K Bribie Island Community Kindergarten is also one of 14 services in Australia to have received an 'Excellent' rating.

C&K CEO Michael Tizard said the results were a reflection of C&K's commitment to providing services where children come first.

"This commitment has been well established during the 100 plus years we have been providing quality education and care to Queensland children," he said.

"We have embraced the recent changes in the early childhood education and care industry that have seen compulsory national standards introduced."

"At C&K we have multiple teams which assist our services in meeting these standards."

According to the latest snapshot, 40 per cent of Australia's 14,435 approved services have been rated. Assessment and ratings will continue to take place throughout Australia.

"I encourage families to research the early childhood education and care providers in their area and take these results into account when choosing the right service for them," Mr Tizard said.

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