



YWCA  
CANBERRA

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**27 May 2016**

### **YWCA CANBERRA CELEBRATES ONE YEAR OF PROVIDING CUTTING EDGE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN GUNGAHLIN**

On Saturday 28 May, YWCA Canberra will host a special open day at its innovative Winyu Early Childhood Service, to celebrate one year of providing cutting edge early childhood education to the community in Gungahlin.

Winyu is a mixed-age early childhood service, boasting a high quality, research-based and gender neutral philosophy, as well as unique learning spaces and exceptional facilities. YWCA Canberra Executive Director Frances Crimmins says she is delighted at the success of the service in such a short period of time.

“Winyu is an example of our commitment to maintaining high quality, affordable and sustainable early childhood education services for all families in the ACT.

”Importantly, Winyu is a strong example of the best-practice, evidence-based approach to learning that we incorporate into our early childhood services, which incorporate a gender-neutral philosophy and child-focused approach to ensure that the individual needs of each child are met.”

The service was built in close partnership between YWCA Canberra and the ACT Government. Its exceptional facilities exceed the requirements set forth in the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education, exemplifying YWCA Canberra’s ongoing dedication to offering quality education and care for children.

The Open Day is a free public event, and will provide a great opportunity for community members and parents to meet the team at Winyu, take a tour of the service, and gain a sense of the unique learning environment that has been created.

#### **Winyu’s First Birthday Open Day:**

Saturday, 28 May 2016

2:00pm – 5:00pm

Winyu House, 125 Gungahlin Place, Gungahlin

-ENDS-

**Frances Crimmins is available for interview.**

**Media contact: Bernadette Carbin 0412 222 466**

**About YWCA Canberra:** YWCA Canberra is a feminist, not-for-profit community organisation that has been providing community services and representing women's issues in the Canberra community since its establishment in 1929. YWCA Canberra employs more than 300 staff across the ACT, and delivers 30 quality programs in children's services, community development, housing, youth services, women's leadership, advocacy, and training. Represented in 122 countries, the YWCA has a global reach of 25 million women and girls. As part of this international movement, YWCA Canberra works for a world where reconciliation, justice, peace, health, human dignity, freedom and care for the environment are promoted and sustained through women's leadership. For more information visit:

[www.ywca-canberra.org.au](http://www.ywca-canberra.org.au)

Follow YWCA Canberra on social media:

Twitter: [@YWCACanberra](https://twitter.com/YWCACanberra)

Facebook: [facebook.com/YWCACanberra](https://facebook.com/YWCACanberra)

YouTube: [youtube.com/YWCACanberra](https://youtube.com/YWCACanberra)

Instagram: [@YWCACanberra](https://instagram.com/YWCACanberra)

Flickr: [YWCA Canberra](https://www.flickr.com/photos/ywca-canberra/)