



Video Instructions

We would like you to film yourself talking to the camera (**using the short script below**) from your living room, your kitchen, your backyard... anywhere in your home where you are comfortable.

Please **make sure you film in a landscape format** – not portrait.

Remember, we are going to edit the footage with lots of other videos from other families, with the end result being a LITTLE bit like this – [“How are you going to say thank you?” 2020 video](#).

With this in mind, we need you to **talk slowly and clearly**, and take a **long pause** (at least a few seconds) between each phrase.

Early Childhood Educators Day Video Script: “Australia says thank you”

(GREEN = CHILD)

(BLUE = ADULT)

1. This year, we want to thank you!
2. This much! (Child holds arms out wide)
3. THIIIIIISSS much! (Child holds arms out VERY wide)
4. On Early Childhood Educators' Day, Australia celebrates the wonderful efforts of our early childhood educators.

PAUSE

5. And we recognise their positive contribution to the healthy development and well-being of our young children.



PAUSE

6. It's a day to stop for a second and appreciate everything they do.

PAUSE

7. They are carers, providing a safe and happy environment for our children to play and learn.

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8. They are teachers, nurturing the natural curiosity in young children, with a sense of wonder and fun.

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9. They are positive role models, showing children the importance of respect, patience, kindness and inclusion.

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10. They are mentors, helping children to be confident, overcome shyness, join in and make friends!

PAUSE

11. They give parents feedback on developmental milestones and school readiness.

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12. And they are an extension of our family, encouraging parent involvement and a sense of community.

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13. This year has been particularly challenging for our early childhood educators.

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14. In the COVID-19 climate, when most Australians were told to “stay home”, Australia’s early childhood educators continued working.

PAUSE

15. As part of Australia’s backbone of “essential workers”, they rose to the challenge and made us all proud...

PAUSE

16. By continuing to make a REAL difference, in the lives of our children and their families.

PAUSE

17. We want to make sure you KNOW how much you are appreciated!

PAUSE

18. To each and every one of Australia’s early childhood educators...

PAUSE

19. We say... (pause) THANK you.

PAUSE

20. A million times THANK YOU!

PAUSE

21. THANK YOU.

PAUSE



22. **THANK YOU!!!! / THANK YOU!!!!**

(Collective thank you with many child & adult faces on the screen.)

Please send your video(s) to admin@childcarealliance.org.au by COB Monday 10th August 2020.