

# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2016

**Centre number: 4639**

**Centre name: Cumberland Preschool Kindergarten**

## 1. General information

- Centre name: Cumberland Preschool Kindergarten
- Centre number 4639
- Preschool Director: Melissa Anderson
- Postal address 4 Tweed St, Cumberland Park. S.A. 5041
- Location address As above
- Telephone number 8293 7327
- Fax number: 8371 4963
- e-mail address: dl.4639.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- DECD Partnership: Mitcham Plains
- Cumberland Kindergarten is situated 6kms south of Adelaide in the Mitcham Council area.
- Enrolment Approximately 60 – 70 four year olds
- The Kindergarten is a stand-alone, full time kindergarten.
- Programs operating
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### ❖ Universal Access

The centre offers 15 hours of preschool. Children will be placed in Group A or Group B.

Group A – Monday & Wednesday

Group B – Tuesday & Thursday

\*Additional hours being offered through special 'make up' events

Session times 8.45am – 3.30pm

- ❖ Bilingual Support: Is available as provided by DECD.
- ❖ Preschool Support: Is available as provided by DECD

## **2. Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  - To develop the skills and learning to prepare all children for a successful start in school.

## **3. Curriculum**

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming
- Core Values
  - Cumberland Preschool Kindergarten has a friendly, welcoming and caring environment where everybody is treated with respect.
  - The well being of children is our primary focus.
- Specific curriculum approaches
  - The educational programme enhances the child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical development.
  - Assessment and reporting includes baseline data collection using electronic media, parent/ teacher discussion opportunities, a portfolio of work samples and photos, and a Statement of Learning.
- Special curriculum projects
  - There is an electronic library programme, which supports the comprehensive literacy programme.
  - Excursions outdoors involving nature play – eg. Kuitpo Forest, Bonython Park Adventure Playground

## **4. Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile
  - Cumberland Kindergarten is staffed with two full time staff and two 0.5 ECW's.
- Access to special support staff
  - As provided by DECD

## **5. Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds
  - The kindergarten has exceptionally high-grade acoustic treatment, to provide the best possible acoustic environment for children.
  - A library provides space for children to use computers, for reading, and for small group or individual work, and for supervised book borrowing.
  - The grounds are well shaded.
  - Recent development of the outdoor area to incorporate a focus on nature and nature play.
- Centre Ownership    Leased from Mitcham Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: There is wheelchair access.

## **7. Further Comments**

- Children leaving for school attend a wide range of schools in the area, including Colonel Light Gardens P.S, Edwardstown P.S, and Westbourne Park P.S.