

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2020

Centre number: 4639

Centre name: Cumberland Preschool Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Melissa Slater
- Postal address 4 Tweed St, Cumberland Park. S.A. 5041
- Location address As above
- DfE Partnership: Mitcham Plains
- Geographical Location: Cumberland Kindergarten is situated 7kms south of Adelaide in the Mitcham Council area.
- Telephone number: 8293 7327
- Fax number: 8371 4963
- Preschool website: www.cumberkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.4639.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment 55 children
- The Kindergarten is a stand-alone, full time kindergarten.
- Programs operating:
 - ❖ Universal Access
 - The centre offers 15 hours of preschool. Children will be placed in Group A or Group B.
 - Group A – Monday & Wednesday (8.45am-3.30pm)
Friday morning, odd weeks of term (8.45-11.45am)
 - Group B – Tuesday & Thursday (8.45am-3.30pm)
Friday morning, even weeks of term (8.45-11.45am)
 - ❖ Bilingual Support: Is available as provided by DfE.
 - ❖ Preschool Support: Is available as provided by DfE

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
Our vision is to provide a high quality play based program where educators and families work collaboratively to provide learning opportunities that meet the needs of individual children.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming
- Core Values
 - building and fostering strong relationships with children, families and educators and our community
 - an environment where children's learning is nurtured through play and incorporates children's interests
 - our natural environment and opportunities for children to engage with and learn through nature
- 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
 - Nature Play pedagogy
 - There is an electronic library programme, which supports the literacy programme.
 - Excursions outdoors involving nature play – eg. Kuitpo Forest, Oaklands Wetlands, Bonython Park Adventure Playground

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Cumberland Kindergarten is staffed a full time Director, full time Teacher, part time Universal Access Teacher and part time Early Childhood Worker. Additional staff are employed on an at needs basis.

- Performance Management Program
All staff participate in Performance Development processes during the year.
- Access to special support staff
As provided by DfE

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 small group or individual work, and for supervised book borrowing.
The grounds are well shaded.
Development of the outdoor area in recent years to incorporate a focus on nature and nature play. There is a large sandpit, watercourse with pump, swings, mud pit, climbing fort with slide, fairy garden, stick house, vegetable garden, lawn area and verandah.
- Capacity: 33 children per group
- Centre Ownership: Leased from Mitcham Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: There is wheelchair access to the building.

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.