PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2668
Centre name: Salisbury Park Childhood Services Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Julie Stevenson
- Postal address: 5 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury Park, 5109
- Location address: As above
- DECS Region: Northern Adelaide Metro
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 20km
- Telephone number: 08 8250 0056
- Fax number: 08 8285 5168
- Preschool website address: www.salisburypkcsc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: kindy.director@salisburypkcsc.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Enrolment:30-40 Attendance: 28-38
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone

- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Playgroup Friday 9.00 – 11.00am
  - Pre Entry: Wed, or Thur. 9.00am – 11.45am
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:
    - Wednesday & Thursday, 9.00 – 11.45am half day 9.00 – 2.45 full day
  - Lunch/Full Day Program: Kindergarten children have access to 2 full days
Bilingual Support: As required
Preschool Support: As required

2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
     Emergent Literacy Skills and Positive Wellbeing

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework for Australia
     ‘Belonging, Being & Becoming’ - Learning Outcomes for Children Birth to 5 yrs
     S.A Child Protection Curriculum ‘Keeping Safe’, Early Years

   - Core Values: We aim to provide an educational experience for children and families that is relevant, engaging, meaningful and enhances positive dispositions to life long learning.

   - **Specific Curriculum Approaches:**
     We offer a play based curriculum which incorporates both inside and outside learning environments. Our program is based on children’s needs, interests and individual developmental levels.

   - **Programmes/Special Curriculum Projects:**
     We incorporate the ‘You Can Do It’ Social Skills Program and the ‘Kid Smart’ computer programs into our weekly Centre Program.

     We access the Salisbury Park Primary School Gym and Library on a regular basis throughout the term.

     We have implemented an extended transition or weekly ‘student swap’ with the Salisbury Park reception class.

     We have recently introduced a ‘Student Mentor Program’ with the yr 4/5 class, which involves weekly visits to the centre, with a ‘oral language’ focus.
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: Director 0.5 Teacher 0.5 ECW 0.5
  Pre School Support Workers are employed as needed.
- Performance Management Program: Annually for all staff.
- Access to special support staff: DECS provides access to Speech Pathologist, Psychologist, Special Educators and Social Workers.
  We also have professional links with a number of other Government & Private service providers.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds. The centre is a brick building, consisting of three main play areas, kitchen, office, locker room, withdrawal room, children’s bathroom, staff bathroom and two store rooms. Outside we have two covered verandah areas. The outside play area is large and consists of two fixed shade areas, a fixed slide, some artificial turf and plenty of mature trees. We have a large external storage shed.
- Capacity: 60 (per session) Centre Ownership: DECS
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Flat area with internal and external access.

6. Local Community

- General characteristics: Established residential area. The kindergarten is situated opposite the Salisbury Park Primary School.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: Active involvement by parents is encouraged. Participation in ‘special events’, volunteer work, membership on our Governing Council, are a few ways parents may choose to be involved. We participate in the Annual Salisbury Christmas Pageant.
- We have developed a strong partnership with Salisbury Park Primary School and share resources and ‘special events’ where possible. We have regular visits from community support services including Police & Fire Service.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Salisbury Park Primary School, Salisbury Heights Primary, Salisbury Primary, Trinity College, St. Augustines’s Parish School, Tyndale Christian School.
- Other local care and educational facilities: There are a number of local ‘child care’ centres in the area. Salisbury Park Primary School operates an OSHC program, which children at this centre are able to access.
- Other local facilities: Include parks, recreation centre, sporting clubs, shopping centres, medical centre and vet.
  Accessibility: The kindergarten is accessible by public transport, with stops on Goddard Drive.
- Local Government: Salisbury City Council.