PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2668
Centre name: Salisbury Park Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Julie Stevenson
- Postal address: 5 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury Park, 5109
- Location address: As above
- DECS Region: Salisbury Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 20km
- Telephone number: 08 8250 0056
- Fax number: 08 8285 5128
- Preschool website address: www.salisburypkcsc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.2668_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Enrolment 35-45   Attendance 90-94%
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone

- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Pre Entry: 4 sessions offered during term 4
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
    - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8.45 – 2.45 full days
    - Friday 8.45 – 11.45  half day
    - *Children are entitled to attend for 5 sessions a week
      - Eg.: 2 full days & 1 half day
  - Playgroup: Friday 1.00 – 2.30pm

  - Lunch/Full Day Program: Kindergarten children can access 2 full days with lunch care

  - Bilingual Support: As required
  - Preschool Support: As required
2. **Key Centre Policies**

- **Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**
  
  We aim to provide an educational experience for children & families that is relevant, engaging and enhances positive dispositions to life-long learning. We provide an inclusive, play based learning environment, where children and families feel valued and connected.

3. **Curriculum**

- **Framework used:**
  
  The Australian Early Years Learning Framework, ‘Belonging, Being & Becoming’
  
  S.A Child Protection Curriculum, ‘Keeping Children Safe’, Early Years

- **Core Values:** ‘Respect’, ‘Belonging’, ‘Fun in Learning’
  
  “A Place to Belong, Where Learning is Fun”

- **Specific curriculum approaches**
  
  We offer a play based curriculum which incorporates both inside & outside learning environments. Our program is based on children’s needs, interests and individual learning plans.
  
  Annual Self Review’s at Centre highlight areas for Improvement. These form our Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)

- **Joint programmes/special curriculum projects**
  
  We incorporate the ‘You Can Do It’ Social & Emotional Skills Program into our Centre Program.
  
  Partnership Programs exist with Salisbury Park Primary School
  
  - Regular visits to the indoor hall and library.
  
  - A weekly ‘Student Swap’ with the reception class

4. **Centre Based Staff**

- **Staff Profile:** Director 0.8, Teacher 0.8, ECW 0.8
  
  Pre School Support Staff are employed as needed.

- **Performance Management Program:** Annually for all staff
  
  Access to special support staff: DECD provides access to Speech Pathologist, Psychologist, Special Educators and Social Workers. We also have professional links with a number of Government & Private Service Providers.
5. **Centre Facilities**

- **Buildings and grounds:** The centre is a brick building, consisting of 3 main activity areas; kitchen, office, locker room, withdrawal room, children’s bathroom, adult bathroom and two store rooms. We have ducted airconditioning & ceiling fans for cooling and gas heating. Outside we have two covered verandah areas. The outside environment is large and consists of two fixed shade areas, a fixed slide, some artificial turf and plenty of mature trees. We have fruit trees and a vegetable garden. We have a large storage shed.
- **Capacity 45 (per session)**
- **Centre Ownership: DECD**
- **Access for children, staff & visitors 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 and behind a local shopping block.

- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool:** Active involvement by families is encouraged. Participation in ‘special events’, volunteer work or membership on our Governing Council are a few ways parents may choose to be involved. We also participate in the annual Salisbury Christmas Parade.
- **We have a positive relationship 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, Salisbury Heights Primary, Salisbury Primary, Trinity College, Tyndale Christian School, St Augustine’s Parish School
- **Other local care and educational facilities:** Salisbury Park Primary operates and OSHC program, which children at this centre can access.
  - There are a number of local Child Care Centres in the area.
- **Other local facilities:** Include parks, Recreation Centre, Sporting Clubs, Medical Centre and Vet.
- **Accessibility:** The kindergarten is accessible by public transport
- **Local Government:** City of Salisbury