



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 06/22

**Centre number:** 6624

**Centre name:** Jamestown Community Children's Centre

## 1. General information

- **Preschool Director:** Alison Arthur
- **Postal address:** 1A Cockburn Rd, Jamestown SA 5491
- **Location address:** 1A Cockburn Rd, Jamestown SA 5491
- **DECD Partnership:** Upper Mid North
- **Geographical location:** 217km by road to Adelaide GPO
- **Telephone number:** 86641276
- **Preschool website address:** <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/jamestown-community-childrens-ctr>
- **Preschool e-mail address:** [dl.6624.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.6624.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- **Enrolment/Attendance:**

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Enrolment	37	32	32	28	32
Attendance %		91.8	89.4	88.4	87.0

- **Co-located:** with Jamestown Community School
- **Programs operating at the preschool:**
  - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  - ⊞ Lunch/Full Day Program
  - ⊞ Preschool Support
  - ⊞ Long Day Care
  - ⊞ Before and After Kindy Care

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- **Centre Philosophy:**

*Play is Our Work*

Belong – Every child, family and educator is welcomed and valued

Discover – Every child, family and educator is on a unique learning journey

Grow – Dream big! Anything is possible...

*Nothing without Joy*

## 3. Curriculum

- **Framework used:** Early Years Learning Framework

- **Core Values:**

- Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
- Partnerships with families
- High expectations and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Ongoing learning and reflective practice

- **Specific curriculum approaches:**

- Holistic approaches
- Responsiveness to children
- Learning through play
- Intentional teaching
- Learning environments
- Cultural competence
- Continuity of learning and transitions
- Assessment for learning

- **Special curriculum projects:** Forest Kindy Terms 2 & 3

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- **Staff Profile:**

- Director 1.0FTE
- Preschool Teachers 1.5FTE
- Assistant Director of Childcare 0.8FTE
- Team Leader – Wallabies (Over 3s)

- Team Leader – Puggles and Joeys (Under 3s)
- Diploma educators (contract and relief)
- Certificate III educators (contract and relief)
- **Performance Management Program:** Performance conversations with line manager every 6 months
- **Access to special support staff:** Preschool Support Early Childhood Workers (FTE based on required adjustments)
- **Other:** Contracted cleaner (daily and periodic) and gardener (3 h/fortnight)

## 5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds:** purpose-built children's centre (opened in 2013)
  - Large open space with low partition separating under and over 3s
  - Nature play elements in outdoor learning area
- **Capacity (per session):** 56
- **Centre Ownership:** Department for Education
- **Access for children and staff with disabilities:** wheelchair-accessible
- **Other:** Co-location with Jamestown Community School allows for access to Community Library, School Stadium and other school facilities

## 6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:** Jamestown is a farming area with many associated businesses. Other industries include a timber mill and a development of small vineyards and olive plantations. The town is well serviced with a range of shops and facilities. Most children speak English at home.
- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool:** Governing Council of parents and staff meet regularly and play an important role as they work closely with the Director in providing a high quality education and care service. There is strong family and community support for the centre.
- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:** Jamestown Community School, St James' School, Spalding Primary School
- **Other local care and educational facilities:** CaFHS, Bizzy Bugs [Kindergym], Story Time & Rhyme Time [library program], Little Jimmies (St James playgroup), Jamestown Community School, St James' School, Happy Haven OSHC
- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:** supermarket, butchers, garden centre, bakery, newsagent, jeweller, car dealerships, insurance agents, pharmacy, banks, clothing store, shoe shop, takeaway/coffee shops,

furniture and electrical store, hardware stores, tyre centres, crash repairer, hotels, motels, Christian bookshop, airstrip, hairdressers, craft and quilting store, optometrist, gift shop, beauticians

- **Other local facilities:** medical centre and hospital with visiting specialists, ambulance, dentist, police station, CFS, sporting clubs (including basketball, netball, football, tennis, cricket, golf, futsal and table tennis), library, gym, hydrotherapy pool, swimming pool, caravan park, churches, RSL, CWA, Apex, Probus, Aged Care facility (Belalie Lodge), park, Bundaleer Forest picnic area (8km from Jamestown).
- **Availability of staff housing:** Private rental
- **Accessibility:** 2½ hours to Adelaide; ¾ hour to Port Pirie and Clare on good roads
- **Local Government:** Northern Areas Council PH: 86641139

## 7. Further Comments

- **Partnership arrangements with other groups:**
  - Jamestown Community Children's Centre and Jamestown Community School are part of the Upper Mid North Partnership within the Pirie Portfolio
  - Child Care is funded through the Federal Government (DEEWR) and the Child Care Benefit applies