



# **PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT**

Updated: 08/2023

**Centre number: 5604**

**Centre name: Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten**

## **1. General information**

- Preschool Director – Genny Fabijan
- Postal & location address – 14E Sydney Ave, KIDMAN PARK SA 5025
- DECD Partnership – Western Adelaide Shores
- Telephone number – 8356 3430
- Mobile Number - 0437820115
- Preschool website address: <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/barbara-kiker-memorial-kindergarten>
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.5604.director@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment Capacity: 88 children, 44 in each group.
- Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children. Group A: Monday & Wednesday. Group B: Tuesday & Wednesday. Alternate Fridays 8:30 – 12:30.
  - ☐ Bilingual Support is available when required.

- **Preschool Support.** Department for Education Speech Pathologist and disability support is available for children with additional needs. Inclusive Education Support Program (IESP) resourcing is received annually to support identified children with additional needs.

## **2. Key Centre Policies**

### **Our Philosophy**

- We acknowledge the First Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of the land on which we learn and play.
- We respect and value diversity and its contribution to the richness of our society.
- We see culture and the context of the family as central to children's sense of belonging, being and becoming and to lifelong learning.
- We value children as active and informed citizens who consider the future and sustainability of their world.
- We believe that play is the context for the delivery of high-quality teaching and reflective practice.
- Children have the right to thrive and flourish as successful learners, and be confident, and creative individuals.
- We believe that the most significant learning occurs in holistic, meaningful and realistic situations.
- We provide nature-based learning to foster exploration and inquiry. We have flexible spaces and resources that are responsive and inclusive for each child.
- We recognise that families are the first and most influential teachers, therefore we work in partnerships to explore each child's learning potential.

### **Our Context**

Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten is a category 2 kindergarten and is part of the Flinders Park 3 portfolio which includes the Western Adelaide Shores and Holdfast Bay partnerships. The kindergarten is a stand-alone kindy and is situated in the Walter Kidman Reserve, Sydney Ave, Kidman Park. Our main feeder school is Kidman Park Primary School which is located nearby. The kindergarten's foundation stone was laid in 1960 and was named in memory of Walter Kidman's daughter, Barbara who married Henry Kiker, an American politician. Staff included the Director (0.5 teaching), Genny Fabijan; 2 part-time teachers, Kari Jones and Amy Boundy; a full-time ECW Kate O'Connell, two part-time ECW's, Michelle Furno and Bridget Hession. Our IESP worker is Karyn Desmond. We provided additional support to children who do not speak English through the Bilingual Support Program. Our kindy is resourced by the Department for Education for speech pathology, educational psychology, hearing advisor and special education advisor.

The Kidman Park suburb is undergoing urban renewal to medium-density housing, resulting in an increase in population for the suburb. Children who attend Barbara Kiker Kindergarten are representational of the cultural diversity of

the local community with Italian, English, Australian, Indian and Greek being the most common ancestries.

### **3. Curriculum**

- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF),
- Keeping Children Safe
- Literacy and Numeracy Indicators.
- Preschool Quality Improvement Plan, Literacy and Numeracy

### **4. Centre Based Staff**

- **Staff Profile**  
Director (1.0)  
Teacher (0.8)  
Teacher (0.4)  
Universal Access Teacher (0.4)  
ECW (1.0)  
ECW (0.5)  
ECW (0.6)  
IESP (0.25)  
Admin/Enrolment Officer (0.20)

### **5. Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds  
Our kindy is situated in the Walter Kidman Reserve and is leased from the City of Charles Sturt Council. Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten has served the community for over 60 years and has been upgraded with a new verandah, mud kitchen, nature play area, orchard, and veggie patch. Children enjoy playing in our natural park setting learning about sustainability using the environment as the third teacher.
- Capacity – Maximum 44 children per day
- Access for children and staff with disabilities

## **6. Local Community**

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool via Governing Council
- Most of our children enroll at Kidman Park Primary School as the main feeder school.
- Local Government: City of Charles Sturt
- Child and Family Health Service for the Preschool health screener
- City of Charles Sturt mobile library
- Volunteers