

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

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Government of South Australia

Department for Education and Child Development

Centre number: **5604**

Centre name: **Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten**

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Amy Boundy
- Postal address: 14E Sydney Ave, Kidman Park, SA 5011
- Location address: 14E Sydney Ave, Kidman Park, SA 5011
- DECD Partnership: Western Adelaide Shores
- Geographical location – 10km from Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number: 08 83563430
- Fax number N/A
- Preschool website address: <http://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/barbara-kiker-memorial-kindergarten>
- Preschool e-mail: dl.5604.director@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance

Year	Enrolment number in term 4	% of attendance
2020	63	91.7
2021	50	92.7
2022	51	71.9
2023	76	91.7

- Stand-alone kindergarten

Programs operating at the preschool

- Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
- Bilingual Support
- Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

Our Philosophy

We acknowledge the Kurna people, as the First Nations 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 recognise that families are the most influential teachers, therefore we work in partnerships to explore each child's learning potential.

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 strive to provide children with the necessary support, guidance and opportunities to develop essential skills, values and knowledge.

We believe that the educator's role is to attend to children's well-being by developing positive relationships, and affirming and respecting all aspects of their physical, emotional, social, cognitive, linguistic, creative and spiritual being.

In collaboration with families, we seek to empower children to positively contribute to society and continue learning throughout their lives.

We believe that play is the context for the delivery of high-quality teaching and learning utilising nature-based resources to foster open-ended exploration and inquiry learning.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Literacy and Numeracy Indicators
- Keeping Safe Curriculum
- What's the Buzz? (Social and emotional program)

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile

- Director (0.5)/Teacher (0.5)
- Teacher (0.8)
- Teacher (0.5)
- Teacher (0.2)
- ECW 2 (0.8)
- ECW 1 (0.2)
- ECW 2 IESP (0.41)
- ECW 1 IESP (0.36)
- Admin/Finance Officer (0.2)

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. We have served the community for over 60 years with building upgrades over the recent years to include new verandas for undercover play, a mud kitchen, a nature play area, an orchard and a veggie patch. The children enjoy playing in the natural park setting learning about sustainability, native bees and pollinators, and utilising the environment as the third teacher.
- Capacity (per session): 33
- Centre Ownership: City of Charles Sturt Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: ramp from veranda area into main building and disability toilet.

6. Local Context

Barbara Kiker Memorial Kindergarten is a category 2 kindergarten and is part of the Flinders Park 3 portfolio which includes the Western Adelaide Shore 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. 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. Our enrolment capacity in 2024 was 66 children. Staff includes the Director (0.5 teaching), Amy Boundy; 3 additional part-time

teachers, Kari Jones, Wade Schirmer and Chloe Slade-Green; ECW Kate O'Connell, and two part-time ECWs, Karyn Desmond and Eva Maitland. 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.