

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 06/16

Centre number: 2604

Centre name: Brahma Lodge Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name
: Brahma Lodge Kindergarten
- Centre number
: 2604
- Preschool Director
: Kristin Bateman
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: 64 The Strand, Brahma Lodge 5109
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- DECS District
: Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
: 19kms
- Enrolment/Attendance
: Currently 35 enrolled in full time sessions
- Co-located/stand-alone
: Stand alone
- Programs operating
 - ❖ Pre Entry
: Yes, integrated into the session times for children attending full time.
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
: Yes.
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program
: Yes.

❖ Bilingual Support

: Yes.

❖ Preschool Support

: Yes.

- Partnerships 21 status
: Yes.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
 1. Improvement in collecting data to improve children's learning
 2. Sharing information with families regarding children's learning

3. Curriculum

- Framework used
: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values
: Open Communication, Involving Families, Honesty, Respect, Listening, Team Work, Trust, Confidentiality.
Feedback is valued as an opportunity to learn.
- Specific curriculum approaches
: Play, small group activities, excursions are a regular part of children's learning.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
: Director 0.6 PSD 1, Teacher 0.6, ECW 0.6
Staff have taken on an additional 0.1 to facilitate the Universal Access.
- Performance Management Program
: Individual staff members meet with the Director for Performance Management meetings. We collect feedback from students and families and review our staff team performance regularly.
- Access to special support staff
: Currently the services of Speech Therapy, Psychologist and Social Worker from the Preschool Support Services are accessed by our kindergarten community.
- Other
: The Early Intervention worker provides regular additional support for children's learning.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - : The kindergarten consists of one main building containing a large room, wet area, toilets, small kitchen and small office.
 - A large verandah with clear blinds provides extra learning areas. The grounds are well fenced and maintained and provide interesting play areas for children. Several well-grown trees provide useful large areas of shade.
- Capacity (per session)
 - : 30.
- Centre Ownership
 - : Governing Council.
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
 - : Depends on the needs of the person.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
 - : At present there are children attending the centre who also speak Spanish, Chin, Indonesian, Dinka and Kirundi at home.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
 - : Parents participate in the kindergarten in a number of ways. The governing council consists of 6 parents and 1 staff. The director provides induction, encouragement and support for the governing council members in their roles as governing councillors.
 - : Parents also have opportunities to assist with curriculum activities and excursions.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
 - : The majority of children transfer to the closest public primary school – Brahma Lodge Primary School. Other children go to a range of public and private schools.