



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 02/19

Centre number: 3617

Centre name: Christies North Kindergarten

1. General information

Preschool Director:	Tania Liston / Bonnie Sibley
Postal address:	27 Shepherd Road, Christies Beach
Location address:	27 Shepherd Road, Christies Beach
Dept for Education Partnership:	Beach Road Partnership
Geographical location:	31km from GPO
Telephone number:	8382 2176
Fax number:	8326 8254
Preschool website address:	http://www.christiesnkgn.sa.edu.au/
Preschool e-mail address:	dl.3617.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
Co-located/stand-alone:	Stand-alone site

Programs Operating At The Preschool

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: 15 hours of preschool per week (30 per fortnight) offered typically as two full days one week and 3 full days the next week. Session times are 9.00am – 3.00pm. This can be negotiated to meet the needs of working parents.

Extended Pre Entry: we offer an optional Extended Pre Entry Program for children who commence sessional kindergarten the following year. Children attend one session per week for Terms 3 and 4.

Occasional Care: The kindergarten offers 4 sessions of funded Occasional Care per week for children 2 years and over. Two session per day, Tuesday and Thursday 9.00 – 11.45am and 12.15 – 3.00pm.

Bilingual Support: as required

Preschool Support: preschool support is available to children who have been identified with a specific developmental delay or disability. Referrals for support are made in consultation with the parents.

2. Key Centre Policies

Philosophy - At Christies North Kindergarten we believe in providing a learning environment that fosters respectful relationships through play and supports strong connections between children, families, staff, the wider community and the environment.

3. Curriculum

Frameworks used:

- Early Years Learning Framework: Belonging, Being, Becoming
- Numeracy & Literacy Indicators
- Australian Curriculum
- Child Protection Curriculum

Core Values:

- Play based learning
- Natural play spaces
- Numeracy and Literacy focus
- Relationships
- Social skills

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile: Director 1.0, Teacher 1.0, Univ. Access Teacher 0.4,
ECW 0.5, Occ Care ECW 0.4

Access to special support staff: Services from Dept for Education and other agencies accessed as required.

5. Centre Facilities

Christies North Kindergarten is a beachside site that was opened in 1969. It is a stand-alone kindergarten, with one building consisting of a main Kindy room, Occasional Care room, kitchen, 2 storage rooms, office, children's bathroom and adults toilet.

Outside the building has verandah's across the front, with a large garden with natural play spaces. The swing and sandpit are under large shade structures. There is a cubby and a built in boat. There are also two separate garden areas currently being used for veggie patches which support the children's learning and understanding of food production.

The site is adjacent to a park which is often utilised with the children.

Capacity (per session): 30

Centre Ownership: Dept for Education/Council

Access for children and staff with disabilities: Yes

6. Further Comments

Christies North Kindergarten is located within walking distance to Christies Beach Primary School, St John the Apostle Catholic School and O'Sullivan Beach Primary School. Visits to these schools form part of the curriculum and assist in transition to these sites. Staff also support children in their transition to school by attending their school visits, liaising with school staff, and providing reports.