



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: March 2023

Centre number: 4611

Centre name: Clarence Gardens Kindergarten

1. General information

Preschool Director: Chloe Stephens

Postal address: 45 Dinwoodie Avenue, Clarence Gardens SA 5039

Location address: 45 Dinwoodie Avenue, Clarence Gardens SA 5039

DECD Partnership: Mitcham Plains

Geographical location: Approx 6.5 kilometres from Adelaide, CBD.

Telephone number: 08 8293 5986

Preschool website address: <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/clarence-gardens-kindergarten>

Preschool e-mail address: dl.4611_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance:

Clarence Gardens Kindergarten has a maximum of 33 children per session and the ratio is 1 educator to 11 children. The physical capacity of the site is 44 children.

Co-located/stand-alone:

The preschool is a stand-alone kindergarten in a quiet neighbourhood South East of the city.

Programs operating at the preschool:

- ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children. Children are entitled to 15 hours per week over 5 sessions. The majority of children access 2 full days and 1 half day per week. We offer sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- ☐ Associated Programs – we offer Playgroup on Friday mornings from 9:30am – 11:30am.
- ☐ Lunch/Full Day Program. Full days are offered on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and incur an additional charge for lunch care.

- Bilingual Support is available for Children who have English as their second language (ESL).
- Preschool Support is available to children with additional needs.

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

Implementing the National Quality Framework.

Implementing a play based curriculum based on The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: Belonging, Being & Becoming.

Providing high quality learning environment based on the children's interests.

Building relationships with families, children and the wider kindergarten community.

Centre Priorities

Clarence Gardens Kindergarten is committed to providing an accessible, inclusive, play based learning environment for children and their families. Policies and procedures have been developed to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of the families, children and educators at the kindergarten are a high priority.

3. Curriculum

The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: Belonging, Being & Becoming.

5 Outcomes:

Outcome 1 – Children have a strong sense of Identity

Outcome 2 – Children are connected with and contribute to their world

Outcome 3 – Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

Outcome 4 – Children are confident and involved learners

Outcome 5 - Children are effective communicators

The Indicators of Preschool Literacy and Numeracy also support in planning the learning environment for children.

4. Centre Based Staff

Educator profile

Director – 1.0, Teacher 0.5, Teacher 0.4, Teacher 0.2, Early Childhood Worker 0.8, Early Childhood Worker – Lunch Care.

Performance Management Program

All educators have performance management reviews twice per year.

Access to special support staff

Department for Education support services are available for children and families.

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds

The inside environment is open with natural light and this setting is continued into the outdoor environment. The outside area is of substantial depth with an extensive amount of shade.

Capacity (per session)

Physical capacity is 44 children per session.

Centre Ownership

The centre is owned by the Department for Education.

Access for children and staff with disabilities

The kindergarten has disability access for children, families and educators.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

General characteristics:

Clarence Gardens Kindergarten is located in the residential area of Clarence Gardens. It is well established suburb with families from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool:

Families are encouraged to be involved in the kindergarten. This could be through Governing Council, fundraising, curriculum and volunteer work.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

The two main feeder schools are Westbourne Park and Edwardstown Primary School. Other schools include Black Forest Primary School, St Anthony's School, Colonel Light Gardens Primary School and Mitcham Primary School.

Other local care and educational facilities,

ABC Child Care Centres, Clarence Park Family Day Care and other local Family Day Care providers.

Local Government: Mitcham Council

7. Further Comments

Partnership arrangements with other groups

Clarence Gardens Kindergarten are part of the Department for Education Mitcham Plains Partnership. There are 7 other local preschools in the partnership as well as 5 primary schools and 4 secondary schools. The leaders of these sites meet twice per term to discuss the Partnership plan, improvements across all sites and the Department for Education initiatives.