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Home



Find out more about our goals and our focus in our philosophy statement (PDF 17KB)
(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net4016/f/freeling_philosophy.pdf).

Volunteering

If you'd like to volunteer with us, we'd love to hear from you. See volunteering in schools, preschools and children's centres
(<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/parent-engagement-education/volunteers/volunteering-schools-preschools-and-childrens-centres>) and have a chat to us about how you can get involved.

We invite you to join the governing council, which meets twice a term to make sure the preschool runs smoothly. Read through what a governing council does
(<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils/understanding-governing-councils/what-governing-council-does>) and speak to us to register your interest.

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What we offer

We offer a number of programs and services to support your child's early years learning (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/primary-and-secondary-curriculum/curriculum-taught-south-australia>).

Preschool program

Times

Your child can attend preschool for up to 15 hours per week.

Children can come for 5 days over 2 weeks. They can be part of either Monday/Tuesday group or Thursday/Friday group.

Monday/Tuesday group

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am to 3.00pm	9.00am to 3.00pm	9.00am to 3.00pm alternate weeks	–	–

Thursday/Friday group

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
–	–	9.00am to 3.00pm alternate weeks	9.00am to 3.00pm	9.00am to 3.00pm

Fees

The parent contribution is \$65 per term. See our enrolment and fees page (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/freeling-preschool/getting-started/enrolment-and-fees>) for more information.

What to bring

Children need to bring these items each day:

- bag
- hat (broad-brimmed or legionnaires)
- change of clothes
- sunscreen
- drink bottle containing water
- healthy snack (fruit, vegetable, yoghurt, cheese or crackers)
- packed lunch.

Please write your child's name on all their belongings.

Clothes must be SunSmart (no singlets or sundresses). Shoes should be suitable for running and climbing (no thongs or crocs).

Preschool t-shirts and windcheaters are available for purchase. Place your orders at the front office.

What not to bring

Children should not bring these things:

- food containing nuts (some children have nut allergies that can be dangerous)
- unhealthy food or drink (lollies, chocolate, chips, fizzy drinks)
- toys from home.

Please read our drop-off and pick-up procedure (PDF 38KB)

(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net4016/f/freeling_drop-off-and-pick-up.pdf).

OSHC

OSHC is run by Happy Haven (<https://www.happyhaven.com.au/>) and is available before and after preschool.

Times

6.45am to 8.45am (staff walk children to preschool)

3.15pm to 6.15pm (staff collect children from preschool)

Disability support

There is support available for children with disability (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/children-disability-and-special-needs>). Talk to us for more information.

Enrolment and fees

When your child can start preschool

Your child is entitled to access 1 year of preschool.

If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they can start preschool at the beginning of the year. If your child turns 4 on or after 1 May, they can start the next year.

If you want to delay your child's start to preschool or you're not sure about when they should start, please talk to us about your options.

If your child is Aboriginal or under guardianship (in care) they are eligible for 12 hours of preschool after they turn 3. They will then be eligible for 15 hours per week of preschool in the year before they start school.

Early entry

Your child may be able to come to preschool 1 term earlier, in term 4 the year before starting their preschool year, if they:

- have additional needs or disability
- are learning English as an additional language or dialect
- are at significant risk because of family circumstances.

Early entry is for up to 6 hours per week, if places are available.

Access is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact us if you want more information about early entry.

Enrolling your child

You can register your interest to enrol your child with us by using the preschool registration of interest form (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/doc/preschool-registration-interest-form>). This form is also available from us.

Try to register your interest by 30 June, but you can do this any time during the year.

Priority will be given to children living in our catchment area (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/freeling-preschool#location>). If you don't live in our catchment area you should indicate at least 2 other preschool options on your form.

If we can give your child a place with us we'll send you an offer letter in term 3 (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates>). You can accept the offer by filling in and sending back the acceptance slip by the due date.

Before your child starts

We will contact you in term 4 about an orientation session. This will be a 1-hour session where you can ask questions.

Before they start preschool your child can come to pre-entry transition visits. These will be in term 4 and will be a chance for your child to meet the staff and other children.

Fees

We ask you to contribute towards the cost of your child attending preschool.

The parent contribution is \$260 per year. You can choose to pay the total amount at the beginning of the year or to pay instalments of \$65 each term (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates>).

When to pay

We will invoice you in February by post.

Payments are due by the end of February.

Please contact us if you are having difficulty paying.

How to pay

Cash, cheque or EFTPOS

You can pay by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the front office. If paying by cash or cheque, please put the payment in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front.

Immunisations

When you enrol your child you will be asked to provide evidence of their immunisation status (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/early-childhood-services-immunisation-requirements>).

Reports and plans

National Quality Standard rating

Our services are assessed and rated against 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard.



Overall Rating: Meeting NQS

Quality Area Ratings

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| 1 | Educational program and practice: | Meeting NQS |
| 2 | Children's health and safety: | Meeting NQS |
| 3 | Physical environment: | Exceeding NQS |
| 4 | Staffing arrangements: | Meeting NQS |
| 5 | Relationships with children: | Meeting NQS |
| 6 | Partnerships with families and communities: | Exceeding NQS |
| 7 | Leadership and service management: | Exceeding NQS |

Rating for: Freeling Preschool

Rating issued: September 2018

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Quality improvement plan

An assessment of the programs we offer against the National Quality Standard and national regulations. It identifies areas for improvement and includes our philosophy statement.

Quality improvement plan (PDF 1,261KB)
(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net4016/f/freeling_qip.pdf)

Annual report

A report on our progress, achievements, highlights and challenges for the year.

Annual report (PDF) (http://docs.decd.sa.gov.au/Sites/AnnualReports/1784_AnnualReport.pdf)

Parenting support

Giving your child a strong start in the early years

Research tells us that quality education and care early in life leads to better health, education and job outcomes in adulthood. Children are learning and growing from the time they are born. The greatest influence on a child's future health, development and happiness is in the first 5 years of life.

We're working with families to take a 'learning together' approach about child development in the early years.

Parenting resources

Several early childhood parenting resources are available to help your child learn and grow right from the start.

Little Big Book Club (<http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/>) supports parents to read, sing and play with their children from birth, with access to book recommendations, reading packs and resources.

Dad's Read (<http://dadsread.org.au/>) offers advice for fathers to encourage reading together with their child.

Parenting SA (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/parenting/parenting-sa>) has free parenting factsheets, videos and upcoming seminars on many parenting topics.

Positive Parenting program
(<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uk/en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-south-australia/?itb=bc37e109d92bdc1ea71da6c919d54907>) has free seminars, workshops and one-on-one sessions for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years.

Learning with your child (GreatStart)
(<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/parenting/learning-your-child-greatstart>) gives parents everyday learning ideas and activities to help build their child's maths and language skills.

Raising Children Network (<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>) provides up-to-date, evidence-based, scientifically validated information about raising children and caring for yourself as a parent or carer.

**FREELING PRESCHOOL
STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY 2018**

OUR CHILDREN - OUR FUTURE

Educators at Freeling Preschool are committed to and responsible for providing an engaging environment that is:

WELCOMING, SUPPORTIVE, SAFE, RESPONSIVE & NURTURING

We believe...

Each child is a competent, capable and knowledgeable contributor and learner.

It is the collective responsibility of our Preschool, school and wider community to nurture each child's dispositions for life-long learning through an active, play-based learning environment.

In the importance of valuing and respecting the contributions of children and their families to our learning environment.

Genuine partnerships with families, our school and local community, provide our children with a holistic program to meet the well-being and learning needs of each individual.

We acknowledge and respect the rights of every child.

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Health and wellbeing

First Aid

All staff are fully trained in First Aid. Parents/Carers will be notified of their child's injury or illness depending on its nature and its impact on your child and also on others.

To avoid the spread of infectious diseases and viruses, we request children don't attend Preschool if they are unwell.

Toileting

Lots of children begin Preschool while they are still mastering the toilet. If your child still has the odd accident or needs support in becoming independent, please inform staff. This is a normal part of a child's development.

Please also pack some spare clothes but be assured we have some clothing items here just in case.

CYWHS (Formally CAFHS/CYH)

Children over 4 years and 3 months are entitled to a development screening. The CYWHS nurse conducts health checks each term at the Preschool. We will notify you of the day and times. The CYWHS nurse is also available once a month on a Friday during Playgroup times 9:00-11:00am.

School Dental Service

All Preschool-18 year olds attending school are eligible for care with school dental service.

For information regarding the school dental services and or other government health services available please visit www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Arrivals and departures

At the start of the session:

- Please bring your child into the classroom so that staff can greet your child and vice versa. If you arrive before 9:00am please stay with your child until the session begins.
- The roll book folder is located outside on the desk at the front door. For your child's safety, if he/she is going home with an adult other than the one that brought them in, please inform staff and also write the person's name next to your child's name in the roll book.

It is important that parents are prompt when collecting their children. Please notify staff in an emergency if you are going to be late as some children get quite anxious if their parents are late. Please also inform the Preschool if your child won't be attending a session.

By law all children must be signed in/out by an authorised adult (18+).

Notices and Communication

We support an open door communication between parents/children and staff. We encourage parents to inform staff of any positive or behavioural changes in your child. Please always read the notice board and check your child's notice pocket.

Preschool and school newsletters will be provided on a regular basis to keep all family members informed. Newsletters from the School are distributed fortnightly on a Thursday and are also accessible via the Skoolbag App and email.

2018 we have also introduced Dojo for Freeling Preschool. Please see staff re connecting to this.

We have parent/caregiver interviews at the end of Term 1 where we discuss your child's progress. This also gives staff a chance to gain feedback & build stronger relationships with families.

Special Preschool Book

This book is a record of your child's year in the Preschool. Your child's scrapbook will contain art work, drawings, paintings, photos, observations and learning stories. This can be found on the shelf located under the sign in book. You are welcome to share these books with your child at any time.

Photographs

As part of our Preschool program we frequently take photos of children engaged in their learning. Please advise staff in writing if you do not wish photographs to be taken of your child. Occasionally photos appear in newsletters, newspapers, displayed in the community and displayed at Preschool or School. Please refer to the consent form in the enrolment pack. Also once a year, a professional photographer takes class and individual photos. You are under no obligation to buy these.