



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 28th July 2021

Centre number: 5622

Centre name: Kalaya Children's Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Lynette Callaghna
- Postal address – 50 Webb Street, Queenstown SA 5014
- Location address – 50 Webb Street, Queenstown SA 5014
- DECD Partnership – LeFevre Peninsula Partnership
- Geographical location – 12 Kms to City Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number – (08) 8447 6519
- Preschool website address: Kalayacc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.5622.leaders.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance – Site capacity 91 children per day
- Co-located/stand-alone – Stand alone integrated setting
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ☐ Long Day Care Program
 - ☐ Associated Programs – Parent Programs
 - ☐ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - ☐ Preschool Support

2. Centre Policies/Philosophy

As a Department for Education (DfE) site; Kalaya Children's Centre follow's DfE policies

Philosophy:

Kalaya Children's Centre is an Aboriginal focused early learning site that works in partnerships with families and the community to create a nurturing, holistic and integrated approach to education and care. We provide a play-based curriculum in a vibrant and flexible learning environment that reflects and enriches the lives and identities of children and their families.

3. Curriculum

- The framework used is the Early Years Learning Framework "Belonging, Being and Becoming"
- Core Values
 - Children's sense of identity is fundamental to their being
 - Children's have rights and an entitlement to a voice of their own
 - Children families and communities are central to their development as they learn and grow in a social and cultural context
 - Children are capable learners and we need build upon children's strengths and the many things they bring to the centre
 - Warm responsive relationships with educators are critical for children's learning in the early years
 - Play is fundamental to children's learning, health and wellbeing

4. Centre Based Staff

- 1 full-time Centre Director
- 2 Preschool Teachers
- 14 Early Childhood Workers
- 1 Administration/Finance Officer
- 1 Cook
- 1 Bus Driver
- 1 Grounds person

Centre based staff employed by DHS:

- 1 Community Development Coordinator
- 1 Family Practitioner

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

On large building with all learning spaces under the same roof.
Two large yards with a natural environmental focus outdoors

- Centre Capacity (per day): 91 children
- Centre Ownership – Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities – Yes
- Local Government – Port Adelaide Enfield Council