



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 27/07/2021

Centre number: 5628

Centre name: Largs North Kindergarten

1. General information

- Site Director: Amy Pedersen
- Site Address: 21 Kybunga Tce, Largs North, SA 5016
- Site Postal Address: 21 Kybunga Tce, Largs North, SA 5016
- Portfolio/Partnership: Flinders Park 2 Portfolio/Le Ferve Partnership
- Geographical location – 16 kilometres from the GPO on the Le Fevre Peninsula
- Phone Number (08) 8248 1353
- Preschool website address: <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/largs-north-kindergarten>
- Email address: dl.5628.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
 - 2021:** 56 Enrolments/ Attendance Term 1: 90.67%, Term 2: 88.63%
 - 2020:** 42 Enrolments/ Attendance 84.09%
 - 2019:** 59 Enrolments/ Attendance 87.69%
 - 2018:** 70 Enrolments/ Attendance 88.06%
 - 2017:** 56 Enrolments/ Attendance 87.81%

- We are a stand-alone site. Our major feeder school is Largs Bay School.
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ❖ Associated Programs – *Playgroup (Friday Mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am)*
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - ❖ Preschool Support including Speech Pathologist

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:
 - Sun Safe/Hot Weather
 - Nutrition
 - Behaviour Guidance/Interactions with children
 - Enrolment and Orientation
 - Concerns and Complaints
 - Payment of Fees
 - Administration of Medication
 - Social Media
 - Priority of Access

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework and Literacy and Numeracy Indicators
- Core Values:

Largs North Kindergarten is an engaging learning community where children, families and educators work together for each child's individual development and growth.

The Largs North Kindergarten community aims to develop creative, compassionate and confident learners who have a strong sense of self. Children are encouraged to think independently, to embrace new challenges, to work collaboratively, to build friendships and to celebrate their successes.

- Specific curriculum approaches:

We provide children with the environment, resources and capabilities to explore their ideas and interests in a meaningful manner. We believe children are drivers of their own learning and our play based, natural environment supports this. We provide intentional teaching moments for a range of purposes. Our current focus for 2021 has been around our Phonological Awareness Development.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile

Director: 1 Full Time

Teachers: 2 at 0.5 each

ECW: 1 at 20.5 hours per week, 1 at 19.5 hours per week and 1 at 15.5 hours

We offer preschool support for children with Speech and Language Delays and intervention to support a successful education journey.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

Our centre has been part of the Largs North Community for almost 60 years. In the mid-1950s a community group, the Largs North Progressive Association, were very keen to provide kindergarten education for the children of the district. They approached the Port Council to make available two blocks of land and fundraised to purchase the materials needed to build the kindergarten themselves. In 1973, an extension to the centre was officially opened.

We have a beautiful nature based outdoor yard. Children have access to natural materials and loose parts. Our indoor environment is inviting and homely. It offers children the freedom to explore, experiment and investigate following their own ideas and interests.

- Capacity (per session)

We have a floor space of 40, however cap sessions at 36 to ensure a valuable learning experience.

- Access for children and staff with disabilities

Our indoor and outdoor environments offer an ease of access for everyone.

We support external services attending our sessions to offer our children a holistic environment for learning.