



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: March 2018

Centre number: 6632

Centre name: Leigh Creek Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Miss Hannah Davey
- Postal Address: PO Box 30, Leigh Creek, 5731
- Location Address: Black Oak Drive, Leigh Creek, 5731
- DECD Partnership: Far North
- Geographical location – ie road distance from the GPO (km): 560km
- Telephone number: (08) 8675 2119
- Fax number: (08) 8675 2537
- Preschool website address: www.leighcrkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.6632.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance:

	Enrolment by Term			
Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2015	8	10	11	16
2016	9	10	7	7
2017	6	6	7	

- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone Kindergarten
- Programs operating at the preschool:
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
Children access 15 hours of preschool over a 5 day fortnight. Monday and Wednesday each week and Tuesdays in weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8
 - ❖ Associated Program
Two sessions per week in first term of child turning 3 years 6 months, up to four sessions in subsequent terms on Mondays and Wednesdays
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities-
 - ❖ Individual children are provided with opportunities to partake in rich, purposeful learning and build on their prior knowledge and interests on a daily basis
 - ❖ Children are connected with and contribute to their world and understand the importance of sustainability practices in order to maintain natural spaces
- Please refer to the centre Statement of Philosophy

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values:
We Value:
 - ❖ The importance of play
 - ❖ Flexible learning environments that are responsive of children's curiosity
 - ❖ Play based learning environments where all children can develop dispositions for learning
 - ❖ The culture of the Adnyamathanha people and their connection to the landWe recognise:
 - ❖ That all children have the right to play
 - ❖ That each child brings their own strengths and understanding of the world in which they live
 - ❖ That learning dispositions prepare children for lifelong learning
 - ❖ That children come from varied cultures
 - ❖ The importance of reflective practices and engage in this to provide quality teaching and learningWe will:
 - ❖ Provide children with a safe, secure and supportive environment for learning
 - ❖ Work in partnership and build respectful relationships with families to foster a learning culture
 - ❖ Provide children with opportunities to develop and build on their language, literacy and numeracy skills
 - ❖ Use intentional play to support children in growing and learning about the world in which they live
- Joint Programmes/Special Curriculum Projects
 - ❖ Transition program with Junior Primary class at Leigh Creek Area School occurs throughout the year

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - ❖ 0.6FTE Director- PSD1
 - ❖ 0.6FTE ECW1
- Performance Management Program
 - ❖ Individual programs in place
- Access to special support staff

- ❖ DECD support staff provided through Port Augusta Office

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and Grounds
 - ❖ Transportable open plan building erected in 1981, close to school.
 - ❖ Grounds have been established with trees, lawns, garden beds, large area of soft fall and large undercover outdoor area.
 - ❖ Outdoor area is a mix of natural and human-made play spaces.
- Capacity (per session)
 - ❖ 25
- Centre Ownership
 - ❖ DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
 - ❖ Wheelchair access. Bathroom facilities are not suitable.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics
 - ❖ Families live in Leigh Creek, surrounding small communities, or pastoral stations. Aboriginal families mostly belong to the Adnyamathanha cultural group and speak English as their first language
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
 - ❖ Active and supportive parents with opportunities for volunteering and involvement
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
 - ❖ Leigh Creek Area School
- Other local care and educational facilities
 - ❖ Leigh Creek Health Centre, Pika Wiya Health Service, Leigh Creek Area School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
 - ❖ Foodland/General store, Post Office, Hotel/Outback Resort, garage
- Other local facilities
 - ❖ Health Centre, visiting doctor 1 day per week, swimming pool, gym, sporting facilities (basketball, squash, netball, tennis), SA Ambulance, CFS, community library
- Availability of staff housing
 - ❖ Government housing available
- Accessibility
 - ❖ No public transport. Bitumen roads to Adelaide
- Local Government
 - ❖ Out of council areas- Outback Communities Authority (08) 8648 5970
 - ❖ State electorate- Stuart

7. Further Comments

- Establishment of new services and/or programs
- Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups