



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 03/2022

**Centre number:** 5630

**Centre name:** Lockleys Children's Centre

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director: Caren Matthias
- Postal address: 57 Malurus Avenue, Lockleys, SA, 5032
- Location address: as above
- DECD Partnership: Flinders Park 2
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 6kms west of GPO, just off Henley Beach Road.
- Telephone number: 8443 5758
- Preschool website address: [www.lockleyskgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.lockleyskgn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address: [dl5630\\_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl5630_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance: Enrolment - 66 children per week
- Attendance – 33 children per day
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ▮ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: All eligible children are able to attend two full days per week including lunch and every alternate week on Friday morning (including lunch).

- ⌘ Occasional Care: 2 under 2 session and 2 over 2 sessions per week (funded)
- ⌘ Bilingual Support: on a needs basis
- ⌘ Preschool Support: on a needs basis

## **2. Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities as per Preschool Quality Improvement Plan focusing on children's oral language and fine and gross motor development.

## **3. Curriculum**

- Framework used:
  - Early Years Learning Framework (Belonging, Being & Becoming)
  - Numeracy Indicators
  - Literacy Indicators
- Core Values:
  - Working with families
  - Child focussed curriculum with emphasis on play
- Specific curriculum approaches:
  - Play based program based on Early Years Learning Framework
  - Phonological awareness

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
  - 1 full time (1.0) Director (0.4 teaching load)
  - 1 full time (1.0) teacher
  - 2 part time teachers (0.6, 0.2)
  - 3 part time ECWs
  - 2 Occasional Care ECWs
  - Administration officer (0.6)
  - Department for Health: Community Development Coordinator and Family Practitioner
- Performance Management Program:
  - Review and development 6 monthly
- Access to special support staff:
  - Regular preschool support worker
  - Regular support from service providers
- Other:
  - Bilingual support

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
  - Commenced operating from current site in 2014 in purpose built building
  - Spacious and light indoor spaces
  - Natural outdoor playspace and garden
  - Community space
  - Dedicated space for Occasional Care and Playgroup
- Capacity (per session):
  - 57 children
- Centre Ownership:
  - Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities:
  - Yes

## 6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
  - Well established older suburb in close proximity to CBD. Diverse cultural mix within the community.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:
  - Parents/caregivers are encouraged to be involved with Governing Council, fundraising and curriculum activities
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
  - Lockleys North Primary School, Lockleys Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities:
  - Lockleys Childcare and Early Learning Centre
- Accessibility:
  - Located close to Rowells Road, excellent access to public transport
- Local Government:
  - West Torrens Council [www.wtcc.sa.gov.au](http://www.wtcc.sa.gov.au)

