



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: September 2023

Centre number: 4643

Centre name: Newland Park Kindergarten

1. General information

Preschool Director - Hannah Perry (Acting Director)

Postal address - 46 Lockwood Road, Erindale, SA 5066

Location address - 46 Lockwood Road, Erindale, SA 5066

DECD Partnership – Central East

Geographical location – 4.5km east of GPO

Telephone number – 08 8431 1313

Fax number – N/A

- Preschool website address: preschools.sa.gov.au/newland-park-kindergarten
- Preschool e-mail address – DL.4643.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance

Current enrolment is 54, 66 physical capacity, 55 funded places

Co-located/stand-alone

Programs operating at the preschool

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

- 15 hours per week of kindergarten for children for one year prior to starting school. Enrolments are accepted according to priority of access guidelines.
- Transition / Pre Entry The term prior to Kindergarten entry
- Bilingual Support
- Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Quality Assurance Processes Quality Improvement Plan: We develop a Quality Improvement Plan annually. The Quality Improvement Plan focuses on all seven areas of the national Quality Standards. Strategies included in the Quality Improvement Plan focus on opportunities for frequent parent feedback on the operations of the site. The current plan can be viewed on our web site.
- Newland Park Kindergarten is a warm place where children smile and laugh and enjoy learning. We celebrate learning through Play. We are lucky to have a beautiful kindergarten environment and offer inside and outside experiences. The neighbouring creeks, reserves, ovals and courts offer us a variety of local places of interest to explore. We believe that all children are capable, competent and successful learners who learn in different ways and at different rates. We believe that in order for each child to realise their full potential they need opportunity to problem solve, express thoughts and ideas, wonder and inquire, master new skills, imagine and create, reflect on learning and interact with their environment in playful, play-based and active ways.

3. Curriculum

Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework, Preschool Numeracy and Literacy Indicators

Core Values At Newland Park Kindergarten we promote:

- Emotional resilience
- Independence
- Persistence

- Problem solving
- Resourcefulness

Specific curriculum approaches:

- Sustainable practices
- Appreciation of Australia's First People and building cultural awareness and understanding
- Nature play

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile:

Director 1.0

Teacher 1.4

ECW 0.6

Contract 0.2 Administration support

Performance Management Program

- Staff involved in 2 Performance Development plan meetings throughout the year, regular staff and planning meetings.
- Access to special support staff
- Staff work closely with The Department for Education support services and Bilingual Assistance program staff as well as private providers when required.

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds [The building was purpose built in 1959 with several upgrades over the years. The outdoor environment is designed for free flowing interactive play.

- Capacity (per session) 33 children per day
- Centre Ownership Burnside City Council

Access for children and staff with disabilities:

- The entry and indoors is flat and one level. Most outdoor area can be accessed by steps or a ramp.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

General characteristics:

Families live locally and many families have one or both parents working part or full time. The kindergarten has a diverse cultural cohort.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool: We have a strong connection with parents on Governing Council. We have family events throughout the year.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Burnside Primary School, Linden Park Primary School, Private and Catholic Schools, Magill Primary School

Local Government: City of Burnside

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

We work closely with Central East Partnership Group, local schools and Preschools