



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 05/19

Centre number: 2668

Centre name: Salisbury Park Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Ms Julie Stevenson
- Postal address: 5 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury Park 5109
- Location address: As above
- DfE Partnership: Salisbury
- Geographical location: 20km road distance from GPO
- Telephone number: 08 8250 0056 M 0438 192 503
- Fax number 08 8285 5168
- Preschool website address: www.salisburypkcsc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.2668_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
 - Enrolment: 35-40 Attendance:*
 - Co-located/stand-alone: *Stand-alone*
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ⌘ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ⌘ Associated Programs: Pre-Entry & Early Entry
 - ⌘ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - ⌘ Preschool and Bilingual Support available as required



2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:

We aim to provide an educational program for children and families that is relevant, engaging and enhances positive dispositions for life-long learning.

We provide an inclusive, play based learning environment, where children and families feel connected and valued, developing their sense of belonging here.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia
'Belonging, Being and Becoming'
S.A. Child Protection Curriculum; 'Keeping Children Safe', Early Years
- Core Values:
Respect, Belonging, Fun in Learning
'A Place to Belong, Where Learning is Fun"
- Specific curriculum approaches:
We offer a play based curriculum which incorporates both inside and outside learning environments. Our nature play focus, promotes exploration with natural elements including sand, mud, water and fire. We promote sustainable practices which foster respect for our natural environment and support natural habitats for insects and wildlife.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects:
We incorporate the 'You Can Do It' Social and Emotional Skills Program into our Site Program.
Partnership Programs with Salisbury Park Primary School include:
Regular visits to the indoor hall and library
A weekly 'Student Swap' program with the Reception class
Shared celebrations for special events of local significance

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: Director 0.8, Teacher 0.8, ECW 0.8
- Performance Management Program: Annually for all educators
Preschool Support Workers are employed as needed
Access to DfE Support Services include Speech Pathologist, Psychologist, Social Workers and Special Educators.
Other: We have developed professional working relationships with a range of Government and Private Support Service Providers



5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:

The centre is a brick building, consisting of three large, main activity areas, a kitchen, office, withdrawal room, art room, children's bathroom, adult bathroom and two storage areas. The building has ducted air conditioning, ceiling fans and gas heating.

The outside area was completely redeveloped in 2018, as part of the 'POLA' Project. Large, established gum trees provide shade and natural habitats to the learning environment. Natural play elements in the area include sand, mud, rocks, water and a fire pit. We have a large vegetable growing area and a rear orchard. There are two covered verandah areas, two fixed shade structures and a large storage shed.

- Building Capacity: 45

- Centre Ownership: Department for Education

- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Many flat play areas, ramp access for outside and inside. Adult and child disability toilet and change facilities.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: Established residential area. The kindergarten is located opposite the Salisbury Park Primary School.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: Active involvement by families is encouraged. Participation in volunteer work, special events, working bees and Governing Council membership are some of the ways families may choose to be involved.
- We have a positive partnership with Salisbury Park Primary School, with programs, resources and special events shared and celebrated.
- Families, educators and children have represented the kindergarten with ongoing participation in the Salisbury Christmas Parade.
- We have regular visits to and from local emergency services including Police, Ambulance and Fire Services.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
Salisbury Park Primary, Salisbury Heights Primary, St Augustine's Parish School, Tyndale Christian School and Trinity College
- Other local care and educational facilities: Salisbury Park Primary offers an OSHC Program, which children at this centre can access.
There are a number of local child care centres in the area.



- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: Nearby Saint's Road has a local shopping centre, comprising a supermarket, chemist, Gym, take away food and speciality shops.
- Other local facilities include: Local parks, sporting clubs, a medical centre and a vet.
- Accessibility: The kindergarten is accessible by public transport
- Local Government: City of Salisbury