

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2/6/23

Centre number: 8278 3392

Centre name: Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Bec Ward
- Postal address: 11 Arizona Terrace, Glenalta SA 5052
- Location address: as above
- DECD Partnership: Mitcham Hills
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 12kms south
- Telephone number: 8278 3392
- Fax number: 8278 9004
- Preschool website address: <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/belair-jean-bonython-kindergarten>
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.4665.director@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
57 children with good attendance
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ☐ Associated Programs
 - ☐ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - ☐ Bilingual Support

2. Key Centre Policies

At Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten, we believe every child is unique, both in terms of life experience, developmental readiness and cultural heritage and diversity. Our goal is to provide a quality service which promotes the physical, emotional and cognitive development of each child by.....

- offering a Sound Educational program and practice that creates learning opportunities for children with diverse learning styles and backgrounds
- ensuring the Health and Safety of all children
- providing a nurturing, stimulating, challenging environment that helps children become confident, passionate learners and promotes the love of learning as a lifelong pursuit
- observing National Quality Standards
- adhering to DfE policies, regulations and guidelines
- establishing respectful relationships with all children
- building collaborative partnerships with families and children by providing opportunity for open discussion and communication, support and advice
- ensuring that administrative systems are in place to effectively manage this quality service
- the celebration of cultural diversity.

We believe in play based curriculum and we strive for a balance between teacher/educator-directed and child-initiated activities. Parental involvement is also encouraged. We believe that all children should be given opportunities to explore the world around them and become active, involved, reflective learners, where they feel comfortable in sharing their ideas, thoughts and opinions. Relationships with other children are also fostered and encouraged. Our program will provide the foundation of a developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum, based on both the Early Years Learning Framework and the Inquiry based approach to learning and assists the children in their transition to Belair Primary School.

Belair Jean Bonython Kindergarten will be a place where children can be successful and discover the foundation for a lifelong love of learning. We believe, with this foundation, children become curious, well-rounded learners who are able to make independent choices and act responsibly.

3. Curriculum

Framework used: : Early Years Learning Framework: Inquiry approach to learning

Core Values :

To provide a caring, nurturing and challenging learning environment.

To improve learning outcomes for all children.

To offer support to children in special needs categories as defined by the Department for Education.

Our child-centred curriculum is based on the philosophy that children learn and develop through scaffolded play experiences which are created through 'children's voice and staff attention to fortnightly curriculum. Assessment procedures have been extensively developed. Our end of year 'Statements of Learning' are formulated using information gathered from written observations, photographs, children interviews, collection of the children's work, informal and formal conversations with parents and discussion between the staff. Informal reporting occurs through Seesaw, photograph displays, conversations with parents and through the displays of children's work. There are strong links between the Kindergarten and Belair Primary School

4. Centre Based Staff

We have a full time Director, Two Teachers working .8 and 0.6 respectively and two Early Childhood Workers (ECW). The Director is responsible for the running of the Centre and works collaboratively with the Staff, and is accountable to the Governing Council and the Department for Education The Staff are well supported by the families of the Centre both as part of the Governing Council and on an informal basis. The Director shares a performance management review with the Education Director, and the other Staff share a performance management review with the Director. All Staff are committed to the Work, Health Safety policies of the Department for Education.

5. Centre Facilities

The Kindergarten is set on a sloping house-sized block with a compact L-shaped playground. The brick building is circa 1950 and consists of two medium sized play areas, a kitchen, an Office, a Staffroom, a large and small storeroom and a bathroom. We have capacity of 30 children per session. Ownership is by the Department for Education No specialist facilities.

6. Further Comments

Ninety-eight percent of the children go onto the Belair School; the other children access, other local schools. The Kindergarten is well supported by parents who are involved in Governing Council meetings, during which they support Policy

Development and oversee the day to day operations and financial management of the Centre We are part of the Mitcham Council District.