



CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: March 2021

Centre number: 6627

Centre name: Kirton Point Children's Centre

1. General information

- Director: Pam Stanley
- Postal address: 63 Stevenson Street Port Lincoln SA 5606
- Location address: 63 Stevenson Street Port Lincoln SA 5606
- DECD: Port Lincoln Partnership
- Geographical location – 670 km from GPO
- Telephone number : 08 8682 5969
- Fax number : 08 8683 3931
- Preschool website address: www.preschools.sa.gov.au/kirton-point-childrens-centre
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.6627.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
Preschool capacity is 60 children.
Approx. 100 families attend Community Programs each week
- Co-located/stand-alone
Integrated Service in which early childhood professionals, other professionals, families and the local community work together to meet the needs of children and families.

- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ⌘ Sessional Preschool for eligible children
Preschool program operates Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 3.15pm and nine sessions per year per group on a Friday 8.30am – 3.15pm.
 - ⌘ Inclusive Preschool Program
Inclusive Preschool Program operates two full days on Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 3.15pm, and alternate Wednesday mornings from 8.45 am – 12.45 pm
 - ⌘ Occasional Care
Funded program operates
Thursday: 8.30am to 11.30am and 12.15pm – 3.15pm
Friday: 8.30am – 11.30am
 - ⌘ Bilingual Support
Available for eligible children with no English.
 - ⌘ Preschool Support
Additional support is available for children with identified needs in areas of development such as speech and language, physical skills and social skills
 - ⌘ Other programs
Targeted and universal playgroups, peer support groups, and parenting education provided for families with children 0 - 8 years.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Our Purpose
To improve outcomes for children and families by developing community capacity and fostering strong partnerships.

Centre Priorities

Improvement priorities as outlined in the current Quality Improvement Plan

Centre learning priorities:

Literacy
Numeracy
Oral Language

Staff working to continually improve practice

- appropriate supervision
- educational leadership
- resources are safe, clean and well maintained

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Early Years Learning Framework
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Nature based curriculum
 - Numeracy and Literacy (Oral Language Strategy)
 - Education and Care programs are fully integrated including the Inclusive Preschool Program and Occasional Care

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - 1.0 Director of Early Childhood Education and Care
 - 0.9 Family Practitioner (DHS)
 - 1.0 Community Development Coordinator (DHS)
 - 0.9 Early Links Coordinator
 - 0.25 Aboriginal Early Links Educator
 - 1.0 Learning Together @ Home Fieldworker
 - 0.2 Allied Health (Occupational Therapist)
 - 0.4 Allied Health (Speech Pathologist)
 - 2.0 Teachers - Preschool Program
 - 0.6 Teacher - Inclusive Preschool Program
 - 1.0 Early Childhood Worker – Preschool Program (dependent on enrolments)
 - 0.6 Early Childhood Worker – Inclusive Preschool Program
 - 0.6 Early Childhood Workers – Occasional Care
 - 1.0 Administration / Finance

Numerous Early Childhood Workers who have variable fractions of time. These staff members are employed across programs including Preschool Support and Lunchcare.

- Performance Management Program

Performance Management is undertaken with all staff by the Director on a formal and informal basis as part of the site commitment to improving the quality of the service and programs offered.

- Access to special support staff

Children are able to access specialist support services as part of the Preschool Support Program.

Speech and Language screeners are completed for all children during preentry visits or in their first weeks of enrolment as part of the Early Intervention Program. Staff work in partnership with the Port Lincoln Education Office to support children who require additional support who are referred to Regional Support Services.

Support is also available via referral to Country Health Connect (Port Lincoln) for services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Services for children 0-4 years.

- Other

Refer to Partner Agencies

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

The building is a stand alone Centre that was completed in late 2010. Extensions were added to the existing preschool area when the Centre was redeveloped into a Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting. The building includes a community room with crèche facilities, a consulting room, staff room for all staff and two office spaces for the Community Team.

The Inclusive Preschool Program / Occasional Care area includes a play area, store room, sleep room, and toilet and change area suitable for children 0- 5 with a range of abilities.

The larger preschool area has a large play area, preschool support room and teacher preparation area.

The outdoor learning area has a strong focus on the natural environment.

Edible gardens have been established and a mud kitchen and creek bed installed in the outdoor area.

- Capacity (per session)
39 children (this includes all spaces of the Preschool, Inclusive Preschool Program and Occasional Care areas)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
The Centre is fully accessible for children and adults with disabilities.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Employment in Port Lincoln and Lower Eyre Peninsula has a focus on farming, aquaculture and mining.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Parents and community members volunteer within the Centre
Close links have been established with parent groups and agencies.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Children transfer to all schools within Port Lincoln - Kirton Point Primary School, Port Lincoln Junior Primary School, Lincoln Gardens Primary School, Port Lincoln Special School, St. Joseph's School and Navigator College.
- Other local care and educational facilities
Port Lincoln has a number of child care centres, preschools, schools (both government and non-government), and Family Day Care
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
A range of commercial and shopping facilities are available
- Other local facilities
A range of medical, sporting, social, cultural and recreational facilities are located in Port Lincoln.

- Availability of staff housing
Government Housing is available for rental in Port Lincoln
- Accessibility
Accessibility to Adelaide and other major centres is possible by a bus service and by road in private vehicle. Two airlines currently operate between Adelaide and Port Lincoln with approx. 40 mins flying time
- Local Government
The Local Government is the 'City of Port Lincoln'. Further information is available on their website.

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
Kirtan Point Children Centre offers programs and services for families in partnership with Dept for Human Services, Child and Family Health Service; Department for Child Protection; Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service; Department for Communities and Social Inclusion; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service; City of Port Lincoln; Community Hub; Port Lincoln Partnership; CentaCare Catholic Services; Uniting Country SA and other organisations and agencies identified through discussions with the community and families.
The centre also receives federal funding through the Department for Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Advancement Strategy (Children and Schooling).