



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 5/5/2020

Centre number: 5636

Centre name: North Haven Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Lee Jones
- Postal address
PO Box 1121
North Haven 5018
- Location address
Sir Ewen Waterman Ave., North Haven
- DfE Partnership
Le Fevre Peninsula Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
25km
- Telephone number
82484519
- Fax number
83419917
- Preschool website address:
www.nrthavenkgn.sa.edu.au/

- Preschool e-mail address
dl.5636.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
*2020 **32** enrolments, 2019 **30** enrolments, 2018 **44** enrolments*
- Co-located/stand-alone
Stand-alone kindergarten located adjacent to North Haven Primary School
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ *Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children*
Children are entitled to 600 hours of preschool over the year, our sessions are organised so that children attend two full days in week one and two and a half days in week two. 8:30 – 3:00 / 8:30 – 12:30
 - ❖ *Occasional Care*
 - ❖ We offer one session of occasional care for children who are 2 years and older. The session operates on Wednesday mornings from 8:45 – 11:45

Associated Programs

Extended Care

Children can access the before and after school care programmes based at North Haven School

- ❖ *Bilingual Support*
Is available for children who met the criteria
- ❖ *Preschool Support*
- ❖ Is available for children who met the criteria

2. Key Centre Policies

See site website for specific centre policies or Department of Education (DfE), website as appropriate.

National Quality Standards

- Successful assessment in 2013
- Committed to a cycle of improvement

Centre Philosophy

- Please refer to our philosophy statement written in consultation with staff, children and families

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework for Australia
This curriculum framework informs our pedagogy and practise
Belonging – as a member of a family, a community and a culture.
Being – a four year old and all the joy and fun that brings.
Becoming – a confident learner and a responsible global citizen.
- Core Values
 - We are committed to play and strength based learning
 - We build strong and respectful relationships with each child and their family
 - We work in partnership with each family
 - We are reflective practitioners
 - We are committed to a cycle of improvement
 - We celebrate and value diversity
 - We have an environmental responsibility

- Specific curriculum approaches
 - The Educators co-construct the curriculum with the children
 - Each child's learning journey at kindergarten is monitored, reviewed, supported and celebrated
 - The curriculum engages each child through meaningful and relevant experiences
 - We support children to develop learning processes including; resilience, persistence, organisation, confidence, problem solving, creativity and critical thinking
 - The Indicators of Preschool Literacy and Numeracy are implemented as planning and assessment tools
 - We have a holistic approach to teaching and learning
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
 - Weekly visits to the North haven School library
 - Visits from older school students as part of their community service
 - Visits from school classes and reciprocal visits with the kindy children to school

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Due to the decline trend in enrolment numbers, from 2021 this site will operate part time.
 Director 0.5
 Teacher 0.5
 Early Childhood Worker 0.5
 Occasional Care Coordinator
- Performance Management Program
 Staff development and training is undertaken by staff individually and as a team
 Staff performance reviews are implemented annually as a celebration of each team member's contribution to our curriculum and practise and to negotiate new goals

- Access to special support staff
- Preschool Support Worker/s employed as required
- Bilingual Support Worker/s employed as required

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

Our centre was opened on the 21st November in 1982. It is a purpose built facility. We are located adjacent to North Haven School and access school facilities including the school courts, oval, playground and library. We have many indigenous and waterwise plants throughout our grounds. We have developed a lizard garden a covered frog pond, a butterfly garden, an arbour, vegetable gardens and a 'moss rock' gathering area. The children have worked with older children from the school on many projects and built strong connections with the environment at kindergarten. We are a well resourced centre in terms of indoor and outdoor equipment. We have fixed and moveable equipment outside and a large shade structure. We use an interactive whiteboard as a teaching and learning tool. We have areas where children can engage in active play and also quiet, reflective activities. We are continually maintaining and improving our resources and facilities in consultation with the children and our community.

- Capacity (per session)

45

- Centre Ownership

Our centre is owned by the Department for Education

- Access for children and staff with disabilities

Our building and outdoor areas are accessible via wide gates, flat surfaces, paths and double doors. They are spacious and uncluttered

We are committed to ensuring we are inclusive of all children

6. Local Community

General characteristics:

We have a diverse group of families attending our centre. We are located at the end of Le Fevre Peninsula

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
The majority of our children transition to North Haven Primary School but we have also had children move onto Our Lady of the Visitation School, Dominican, Ocean View College and Largs Bay Primary.
- Other local care and educational facilities,
There are childcare centres located nearby, the school have an OSHC programme which our children can access for before and after school care and vacation care. We have family day care staff bringing children to our services.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
North Haven shopping centre is nearby and offers a Foodland, butcher, bakery, chemist, takeaway, post office, video shop and hairdresser.
- Other local facilities
The Le Fevre Community Centre offers a range of recreational activities. There are a number of medical centres nearby. The beaches are a favourite place for families in summer.
- Availability of staff housing
N/A
- Accessibility
We are close to a train and bus service.
- Local Government
We are in the Port Adelaide/Enfield council area.

7. Further Comments

We welcome anyone who would like to visit our centre and meet the staff.