

Context Statement November 2021

Pasadena Kindergarten is set on spacious grounds in a natural park setting. Native birds and koalas are frequent visitors and it provides a cool shady environment in the summer with a large enclosed outdoor area for the winter months.

Families using Pasadena Kindergarten come from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds providing a rich multi cultural experience for those children attending.

The building is spacious, well lit and well maintained with a number of different learning areas available for use.

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Children attend 15 hours of Kindergarten in the year before they go to school: Two long days 8.45am - 2.55pm and one half day 8.45 -11.30am

Curriculum planning is based on the Early Years Learning Framework which embraces the view that "children's lives are characterised by Belonging, Being and Becoming: Belonging acknowledges children's interdependence with others. Being recognises the significance of the here and now in children's lives. Becoming reflects this process of rapid and significant change that occurs in the early years as young children learn and grow".

The Indicators of Preschool Literacy and Numeracy are woven into the curriculum planning and reporting.

The staff team work in partnership with parents to provide for high quality learning and development opportunities for each child. The staff present an Individual Learning Plan for each child to their parents in an informal interview, maintain Individual Learning books describing children's learning and involvement and provide a Statement of Learning at the end of the child's year at Kindergarten. Parents are kept informed of learning goals and their outcomes in newsletters and reports to Governing Council. Parents are encouraged to talk with staff at any time about their child's progress.

The National Quality Standards provides a framework to establish, assess and improve the quality of our Preschool Service.

Our Kindergarten was assessed by the Education and Early Childhood Services Registration and Standards Board of SA in August 2013. We were found to be Exceeding National Quality Standards.

