

1. CONTEXT STATEMENT

Preschool Name:	Willsden Childhood Services Centre	Preschool Number:	6674
Preschool Director:	Amanda Nunn	Partnership:	Port Augusta/Quorn Partnership

Willsden Childhood Services Centre is an integrated Centre providing Preschool and funded Occasional Care.

We are a stand-alone site and the preschool operates on a part time basis and caters for indigenous and non-indigenous children.

Willsden Primary school is the main feeder school and most of our children transition into that school. The first transition visits are supported by staff by both sites and have endeavored to strengthen our links with the school and staff.

We have a staff team that work well together and are focused on children's learning, focusing on literacy and numeracy, attendance and enrolments and the continuation of the Occasional Care sessions.

We have continued to receive funding for Universal Access to enable children to access 15 hours of preschool within their eligible year.

We have a large indoor and outdoor learning space and over the next few years we will be focusing on improvements for the outdoor area.

Enrolments this year have steadily increased. Children attending the Preschool are from families representing a range of socio economic and cultural backgrounds. Around 80% enrolments are Aboriginal children.

The warranted staffing for this year consists of a Director, Teacher, ECW, Support Workers, and Occasional Care worker.

Our staff for 2019 are-

Director- Amanda Nunn

Teacher- Kimberly Brown

Early Childhood Workers- Minma Dunham, Teresa Packard

Preschool support- Kathryn Moyse

Occasional Care Worker- Tammy Johnston

The Occasional Care program has been full to capacity. The families have been very happy with the service that we have offered. More children have continued on in the preschool program when leaving Occasional Care.

Our philosophy is as follows-

FOR THE CHILDREN

- We will provide a safe, secure and nurturing environment which will allow children to learn in a positive manner
- We will promote positive learning through play
- We will allow children to be creative, use their initiative and to be independent in their learning
- We will involve the children in the programming curriculum which will extend on their interests and knowledge. They will have valuable input and will have the opportunity to take considered risks

FOR THE FAMILIES

- We welcome all families, friends and extended families into our preschool
- We will be open with communication through verbal and non-verbal methods
- We will nurture the family and the whole child
- We will collaborate with families for future planning and learning.
- We will communicate and plan for children's needs and interests

- We will encourage families to be involved in their children's learning by inviting them into the preschool to celebrate, support and engage with their child

FOR THE EDUCATORS

- We will create a learning environment through play based experiences
- We will provide a safe and secure learning environment that meets the National Quality Standards
- We will work together as a team to create a positive learning environment
- We will provide the opportunity for staff to attend professional learning which will enhance the learning program for children
- We will work closely with the Port Augusta/Quorn Partnership to ensure the strategic directions are met

FOR THE COMMUNITY

- We will invite and engage agencies within the community to share/engage/teach
- We will encourage children to develop a sense of social responsibility not only in the Preschool but the wider community
- We will respect different cultures within our Preschool and community and be sensitive to their needs and beliefs.