



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre Number: 5380

Centre Name: Parks Children's Centre

General Information:

Preschool Director: Felicia Rasheed

Postal/Location Address: 50 Trafford Street, Angle Park, 5010

DfE Region: Inner West

Geographical Location: 12 km North West of CBD

Telephone Number: 8243 5582/ 8243 5599 until 30.09.2024.
7321 0710 as of 30.09.2024

Preschool website address: <http://www.parkscs.sa.edu.au/>

Preschool email address: dl.5380.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolments/Attendance: Enrolments steady and attendance is 75%.

Co-located/stand-alone: Parks Children's Centre is a stand-alone site.

The closest public school is Woodville Gardens Primary School.

Programs operating at the Centre:

Preschool/kindergarten

We have 2 preschool groups. The red group come every Monday and Tuesday (full days) and ½ day Wednesday each fortnight.

The blue group attends every Thursday and Friday (full days) and ½ day each Wednesday fortnight.

We have a fully integrated Inclusive Preschool Program, (a program that caters for children with extensive adjustments) currently integrated with our red preschool group.

Occasional Care

We have occasional care sessions available for under 2 year old children and over 2 year old children. These sessions operate Tuesday (am and pm session) and Thursday (am and pm session).



Playgroups

We operate playgroups over the week. Playgroups vary each term, depending on the need.

We have operated at different times the following playgroups:

Toddler playgroup, 3 and 4 year old playgroup, baby playgroup, garden playgroup and messy play.

Current playgroup information can be found on our website timetable.

Parenting programs/Community programs

Please refer to our website for any current parenting/community programs.

Key Centre policies:

See Centre website for specific policies or DfE website as appropriate

Curriculum:

Framework used: **The Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)**

The curriculum is developed in partnership with children through a play based program. Our staff work as a team to provide high quality teaching and learning programs within the context of the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Through the Framework's five learning goals, we will assist each child to develop:

- A strong sense of their identity
- Connections with their world
- A strong sense of wellbeing
- Confidence and involvement in their learning
- Effective communication skills

The staff will:

- Respect each child as an individual, and work to develop each child's competence, confidence and wellbeing.
- Plan from children's interests to support meaningful learning.
- Recognise the importance of an environment that values and supports the child's social and cultural context
- Ensure a balance of teacher initiated and child lead curriculum.
- Build on children's literacy and numeracy skills.
- Promote and support our Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Reflect on our practice and children's outcomes against our QIP
- Access children's learning against the learning outcomes of the EYLF



National Quality Standards.

Parks Children's Centre was assessed in 2017 and received an overall rating of **Exceeding the National Quality Standard**.

Centre Based Staff:

Staff Profile:

1.0 Director

2.0 Teacher

0.6 IPP teacher

0.5 ECW1/ 0.6 ECW2

0.5 Admin

0.3 Speech Pathologist

0.3 Occupational Therapist

31 ECW hours for occasional care

Bilingual and preschool support as needed

Community Development Coordinator (DHS)

Centre Facilities:

The Centre was established as a Children's Centre in 2007, with changes to services offered in 2012. The Centre had major renovations in 2013/4 to upgrade our reception and group room facilities and a further office area built in 2020. The indoor space is open with a small room for group and individual work. The indoor area has been treated acoustically, allowing for the optimum learning environment. The preschool outdoor learning environment was recently updated and all weather PVC blinds installed on our veranda.

The centre also has a large community space with a full kitchen in which we run community programs such as playgroups, occasional care and parent programs. The community outdoor learning environment is about to be extended and improved.

In 2021 we opened our Community Garden, which is a joint venture with community groups. It provides opportunity for children and families to learn about sustainability and organic practices.

Capacity: 51

Centre Ownership: Department of Education

Access for children and staff with disabilities: Disability access is available to the Centre.



Local Area:

The Centre is located in a multi-cultural diverse area, with many families newly arriving in Australia. Fewer families have arrived over the past 2 years with the impact of COVID-19. The Centre is easily accessible by bus from Trafford Street.

Adjacent our centre we have a newly build council library and there is a theatre, sports complex and playground operated by YMCA within walking distance.

Directly behind the centre is a new housing estate currently being developed.

Local Government: City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

Further Comments:

The centre is part of the Inner West Partnership and works closely with the DfE schools and preschools within the partnership. Agreed Partnership priorities underpin the work of all sites within the partnership and influence the centre's direction.

We also work with government and non-government agencies to deliver a community capacity building program about the importance of developing early literacy skills for children from birth. This is called Paint the Parks and Gardens REaD.