

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

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Centre number: 6640

Centre name: Wallaroo Preschool Centre

1. General information

- **Preschool Director**
Ms Ashleigh Higgins
- **Postal address**
11 Elizabeth Street, Wallaroo, SA, 5556
- **Location address**
As above
- **DECD Partnership**
Northern Yorke
- **Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)**
157kms
- **Telephone number**
8823 2389
- **Fax number**
8823 3781
- **Preschool website address:**
www.wallaropre.sa.edu.au
- **Preschool e-mail address**
dl.6640.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- **Enrolment/Attendance**
46 enrolled
- **Co-located/stand-alone**
Stand alone
- **Assessed under the National Quality Framework:**
Rated 'Exceeding the National Quality Standard' in 2015.
- **Programs operating at the preschool**
 - ❖ Transition visits offered during term 4
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
On an as needs basis
 - ❖ Bilingual Support
For children from a Non English Speaking Background
 - ❖ Preschool Support
For children with any form of learning, behavioural or social delay

2. Key Centre Policies

- **Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**

“Wallaroo Preschool Centre is a welcoming friendly environment for families, children and educators where the core focus and value is placed upon children’s learning and wellbeing. Children are offered a wide range of play based experiences in a rich natural environment to support their development into confident and competent individuals. The support and dedication of our Qualified Early Childhood Educators help embed a strong set of skills that are the foundation of children’s learning and future development.”

3. Curriculum

- **Framework used:**

Early Years Learning Framework - Being, Belonging, Becoming
Respect, Reflect, Relate Tool.

DECD Literacy and Numeracy Indicators

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum

- **Specific curriculum approaches**

Play Based and child initiated learning

Strong focus on children developing dispositions for learning

- **Joint programmes/special curriculum projects**

Transition program with local state and private schools (6 feeder schools – 4 state and 2 private).

4. Centre Based Staff

- **Staff Profile**

Director -1.0

Teacher- 1.2 (0.5, 0.7)

Early Childhood Worker 1 – 0.9.

Preschool Support Worker- As per funding allowance

Finance Officer (works at Wallaroo Primary School),

- **Performance Management Program**

Site Leader has a personal performance plan which is discussed in consultation with the Education Director on a regular basis.

Educators have performance management meetings with Site Leader (Director) once per term. Educators are encouraged to discuss any issues relating to performance management as they arise. Educators are provided with written feedback.

The Parent Opinion Survey distributed to parents in Term 3 each year is a good indicator of parent opinion of educator performance.

- **Access to special support staff**

A range of support personnel are available on an as needs basis

5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**

Building is in sound condition and is 40 years old. Grounds are aesthetically pleasing with natural developments ongoing.

- **Capacity (per session)**

38 children

- **Centre Ownership**

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- **Access for children and staff with disabilities**

Ramp available, disabled toilets, disabled parking

- **Other**

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:**

Population of 2,500. Northern Yorke Peninsula area. English speaking families, some transient families. Retirees. Coastal town. International wharfing facilities. Marina development. Popular holiday beach town. Moderate to high unemployment.

- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**

Moderate support from families. Governing Council initiates fundraising and working bees to support Preschool upkeep.

Close working relationships with Healthy Families Team, CaFHS, police, etc

- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**

Wallaroo Primary School, Saint Mary Mackillop School, Wallaroo Mines Primary School, Kadina Memorial School, Harvest Christian School.

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**

Wallaroo Primary School OSHC, Saint Mary Mackillop OSHC, Kadina Childcare Centre, Community Kids Kadina

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

Foodland in Wallaroo, mainstreet with local stores, tourism and wharfing

- **Other local facilities**

Library, town hall, 5 Hotels, take-away, Foodland, churches, parklands, large community Health Care Service with helipad, insurance agent, hairdresser and a wide variety of sporting facilities

- **Availability of staff housing**

Mainly private rental available

- **Accessibility**

Private vehicle, Premier Stateliner Coach group, and small airstrip

- **Local Government**

Local Member of Goyder –Steven Griffiths

7. Further Comments

- **Partnership arrangements with other groups**

Wallaroo Preschool is part of the DECD Northern Yorke Partnership.