



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 08/2015

Centre number: 5630

Centre name: Lockleys Children's Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director
: Chris Markos
- Postal address
: 57 Malurus Ave, Lockleys, 5032
- Location address
: as above
- DECD Region
: Western Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
: 6 kms west of GPO just off Henley Beach Road.
- Telephone number
: 8443 5758
- Preschool website address:
: www.lockleyschildrenscentre.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address
: dl5630_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
: Enrolment around 77 children per week.
: Attendance around 39 children per day.
- Co-located/stand-alone
: stand alone

- Programs operating at the Children’s Centre
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - : 2 groups, each group attends 2 full days per week and one half day every alternate week on the Friday.
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - : All eligible children are able to attend two full days per week including lunch and every alternate week on the Friday including lunch.
 - ❖ Occasional care
 - 2 under sessions and 2 over 2 sessions per week
 - ❖ Bilingual Support
 - : on a needs basis
 - ❖ Preschool Support
 - : on a needs basis

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities as per Quality Improvement Plan including Wellbeing and Literacy

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
 - : Early Years Learning Framework (Belonging, Being & Becoming)
- Core Values
 - : Working with families
 - : Child focussed curriculum with emphasis on play.
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - : Play based programme based on Early Years Learning Framework

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - : staff comprises of a full time director, three part time teachers, three part time ECW’s, Community Development Coordinator, two Occasional Care ECWs and a 0.5 Administration officer.
- Access to special support staff
 - : regular preschool support worker, regular support from service providers
- Other
 - : Bilingual support, Administration support, Finance support and Volunteer.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
: Commenced operating from current site 2013, in purpose built building
- Capacity (per session)
:57 children
- Centre Ownership
:DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
: Yes

6. Local Community

- General characteristics:
: Well established older suburb in close proximity to CBD. Diverse cultural mix within the community, majority English speaking.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
: Parents are encouraged to be involved with Governing Council, Fundraising and curriculum activities. Regular parent information sessions conducted by staff and Governing Council.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
: 60% to Lockleys North Primary. Others – Lockleys Primary, Western suburbs DECD Primary Schools
Other local care and educational facilities,
: Lockleys Child Care & ELC, Export Park CCC, Lockleys North and Lockleys Primary School both operate OSHC.
- Accessibility
: Located close to Rowells Road, excellent access to public transport.
- Local Government
: West Torrens Council www.wtcc.sa.gov.au