PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 5620

Centre name: Henley Community Kindergarten

1. General information
   • Preschool Director: Trudi Walton
   • Postal address: 8 White St, Henley Beach, South Australia 5022
   • Location address: 8 White St., Henley Beach
   • DECD Region: Western Adelaide
   • Geographical location: approx 300 metres North West of Post Office ie road distance from GPO (km)
   • Telephone number: 8356 2300
   • Fax number: 8355 0142
   • Preschool website address: www.henleykgn.sa.edu.au
   • Preschool e-mail address: dl.5620_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
   • Enrolment/Attendance:
     Enrolments average at around 37 per group. We have an attendance rate of around 95%
• **Co-located/stand alone:** stand alone building.

• **Programs operating at the preschool:**

  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children. All children are eligible for up to 15 hours of preschool per week. This is achieved through two full days and one half day per fortnight.

  - All children participate in two full day sessions with a supervised lunch care program.

  - Bilingual Support for children from an ESL background who need assistance to develop skills in English.

  - Preschool Support for children with identified/verified needs. We screen all children in their first term at kindergarten.

2. **Key Centre Policies**

   • **Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**

   We want to provide our children with the best quality education possible. We will achieve this by offering:

   • A play based curriculum
   • Community involvement
   • Relationships between children, staff and families based on trust and respect
   • A continuous cycle of improvement for learning

3. **Curriculum**

   • **Framework used:**

   The national Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Being, Becoming

   • **Core Values:**

   - Child focussed, play based curriculum
   - Community involvement

   • **Specific curriculum approaches:**

   - Play based curriculum based on the Early Years Learning Framework
• **Joint programmes/special curriculum projects:**
  - You Can Do It Program to promote well being

4. **Centre Based Staff**

• **Staff Profile**
  - Director
  - Two teachers working 0.5 each
  - Three Early Childhood workers
  - Support worker (also one of our regular ECWs)
  - Lunch care staff (also act as relief staff)

• **Performance Management Program**
  - All staff are part of a continuous cycle of improvement.
  - All staff are encouraged to develop their skills through regular training and development.
  - All staff are involved in discussions with a director twice a year to set goals.

• **Access to special support staff**
  - Support worker part of our team
  - Bi-lingual support worker

5. **Centre Facilities**

• **Buildings and grounds**
  - Henley Kindergarten was first opened in 1953. Since then there have been additions made as the centre grew. In 2008 an indoor extension was completed. We have begun the process of redeveloping and extending our verandah area.
  - Our outdoor area provides many well shaded play spaces, with a variety of options for imaginative play including a wooden play area, large sand pit and rock area as well as a boat.
  - We are currently in the process of creating a new garden area along our White St fenceline. This area will include a sensory path with access for the disabled, a frog pond and vegetable garden beds.
• **Capacity (per session)**
  45 children

• **Centre Ownership:** We are a DECD owned building.

• **Access for children and staff with disabilities:** At the moment we use a portable ramp for access to the inside building. We are aiming to improve access with development of the verandah area.

### 6. Local Community

• **General characteristics:** Our community is predominantly English speaking. Our children are mostly from two parent families.

• **Parent and community involvement in the preschool:** We foster relationships with parents and the local community through:
  - Wide community involvement in our annual garage sale
  - Regular contact with local schools
  - Encouraging parents to develop networks at kindergarten through once per term social events such as coffee mornings.
  - Encouraging parents to become involved in the curriculum at kindergarten whether by sharing a skill/occupation, cooking with children, staying to help with an activity or coming on excursions.

• **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:**
  1. Henley Beach primary School
  2. Fulham North Primary School
  3. Star of the Sea School (Private school)
  4. A range of other private schools

• **Other local care and educational facilities:**
  We have a range of family day care and childcare centres in the area.

• **Accessibility:**
  We are just off Henely Beach Road which is a major bus route.

• **Local Government:** Henley Kindergarten is part of the Charles Sturt Council area.