



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 10/03/2017

Centre number: 6519

Centre name: Keith War Memorial Community Kindergarten
and Childcare Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Callie Manser
- Postal address: PO Box 23, KEITH SA 5627
- Location address: Anzac Terrace, KEITH SA 5267
- DECD Partnership: Tatiara Wratonbully
- Geographical location: Keith Town Centre, 230km south-east of Adelaide
- Telephone number: (08) 87551348
- Fax number: (08) 87553461
- Preschool website address: www.keithkgn.sa.edu.au

- Preschool e-mail address: dl.6519_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Preschool Average Enrolment/Attendance:
 - 2012: 27
 - 2013: 27
 - 2014: 28
 - 2015: 31
 - 2016: 27
- Integrated Rural Childcare Centre, not co-located with local school. Includes long day care, before and after kindy care, after school care and vacation care programs.
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - Full Day Program
 - Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

Our Mission is to provide high quality education and care.

Our Vision is to support families to give all children the best start in life.

We believe in the;

importance of children's first five years

importance of good nutrition, health and exercise

importance nurturing relationships

importance of well being on children's brain development

importance of children being provided with an engaging program

importance of children developing self regulation

importance of language and literacy

importance of numeracy

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework “Belonging, Being and Becoming” Framework for School Age Care “My Time, Our Place”
- Core Values: Learning through play, Inquiry based learning and Reggio Emilia inspired approaches

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: The staff team comprises of DECD staff and Childcare Staff employed directly by the Centre. There are currently 17 staff members including relief staff and the warranted DECD staffing is 1.0 Director, 0.6 Teacher and Early Childhood worker.
- Performance Management Program All staff members have Performance Management Plans directly linked to the the site’s Quality Improvement Plan

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds: The service is an Integrated Kindergarten and Childcare service located in a recently renovated (2012) building at the end of the main street. The building has 3 main rooms and separate areas for 0-3 year olds and 2-5 year olds. It is set on large grounds with a wonderful outdoor learning environment.
- Capacity (per session): The service is approved to provide education and care to a maximum of 62 children per session.
- Centre Ownership: the centre is community based and not for profit
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: The Service has facilities and access for children, staff and adults with disabilities.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Keith is a small rural farming community. The most recent population for Keith was 1320. Local industries include Lucerne Seed production and Timber Truss plant
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool

Governing Council and Sub Committees

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Keith Area School
- Other local facilities
Local hospital, sports and recreation facility and numerous community groups
- Availability of staff housing
Government Housing and private rentals are available in Keith and surrounding areas
- Accessibility
Comfortable 2- 3 hour drive from Adelaide on highway.
Daily bus services also available
- Local Government
Tatiara District Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership: joint goals aligned with Tatiara Wratonbully Partnership priorities