



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2020

**Centre number:** 4610

**Centre name:** Wattle Park Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director: Emma Schulz
- Postal address: 2aYeltana Ave, Wattle Park, SA 5066
- Location address: As above
- DECD Partnership: Central East Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 7.3km from CBD. Eastern Adelaide.
- Telephone number: 8331 3619
- Fax number: 8364 6892
- Preschool website address: [www.wattleparkkgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.wattleparkkgn.sa.edu.au)

- Preschool e-mail address: dl.4603.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance  
Enrolments: 2020 Term 1: 31 Term 2: 33

Year	Enrolment by Term			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2016	13	17	19	19
2017	26	27	27	25
2018	53	59	63	60
2019	33	33	34	34

Year	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2016 centre	86.5%	97.1%	92.1%	93.4%
2017 centre	96.2%	97.2%	87.0%	96.0%
2018 centre	91.0%	89.8%	90.0%	92.5%
2019 centre	93.1%	91.6%	88.9%	
2016 state	91.1%	89.0%	87.2%	87.5%
2017 state	90.5%	88.2%	85.9%	87.2%
2018 state	90.7%	88.3%	87.0%	87.2%
2019 state	90.3%	87.4%	85.8%	

- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

**Group 1:**

- Tuesday 8.15am to 3.45pm
- Wednesday 8.15am to 3.45pm

**Group 2:**

- Thursday 8.15am to 3.45pm
- Friday 8.15am to 3.45pm

⊞ Associated Programs:

Playgroup is available for children on Monday mornings – 9.30am to 11.00am.

- ⌘ Bilingual Support: As required, in consultation with parents/guardians and where resources are available.
- ⌘ Preschool Support: As required, in consultation with parents/guardians and where resources are available.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose  
The Kindergarten adopts Department of Education website policies and develops site-specific policies. A sample of these are accessible on our website and all policies are freely available on-site.

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values

**Wattle Park Kindergarten aims to inspire curiosity, creativity and a sense of wonder within every child, in a safe and supportive environment.**

### We believe:

- Your child is a capable and competent learner.
- Your child needs to have a sense of belonging and positive wellbeing.
- Your child deserves an environment where they can learn through play, take risks and develop at their own pace.
- Your child's learning is supported through interaction with the outdoor environment, having access to natural materials to resource their own learning.

### Our educators:

- Work alongside families to foster happiness and resilience in our learners.
- Acknowledge and respect family cultures and their values.
- Build strong positive relationship with all children and their families.
- Empower your child to develop self-awareness, by encouraging them to make their own decisions and be independent.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects: Links with the Wattle Grove Retirement Village. Termly visits from Greenhill Living.

#### **4. Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile
  - 1.0 Director
  - 1.0 Teacher
 Universal Access provides additional hours.
- Performance Management Program: Staff regularly reflect on their Performance through a process that is in line with the department procedures.
- Access to special support staff: As required.

#### **5. Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds
 

The Kindergarten grounds are shaded by fully established trees and are well maintained. The outdoor environment provides many activities for children to choose including a mud kitchen, creek bed, sandpit, and spaces for cubbies, picnics and climbing. The indoor environment provides additional areas to learn through play, with ample resources to construct, read, draw, paint, be challenged with new ideas and develop new skills.
- Capacity (per session)
 

Site capacity: 30 children. Staffing capacity: 22 children
- Centre Ownership: Burnside Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: The building has ease of access for children with physical impairment. No changing facilities are available.

#### **6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)**

- General characteristics:
 

Wattle Park is an established area in the foothills of the Eastern suburbs in the City of Burnside.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool is high with a strong Governing Council, involved in a wide range of decision making.

Parents are involved in curriculum development and support, social functions, cooking, art, clean-up, gardening and working bees to improve learning environments. Involvement is highly valued.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:  
Burnside Primary School, Magill Primary School, Trinity Gardens Primary School, Norton Summit Primary School and a wide range of private schools. Other schools include Linden Park and Marryatville.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:  
Wattle Park has a small shopping precinct and bakery within 100 metres. The Erindale shopping precinct is also in close proximity.