PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2651
Centre name: Para Hills West Pre-school

1. General information

- Centre name: Para Hills West Pre-school
- Centre number: 2651
- Preschool Director: Veronica Atkinson-Allen
- Postal address: 69 Kesters Road, Para Hills West, SA 5096
- Location address: 69 Kesters Road, Para Hills West, SA 5096
- Telephone number: 8349 5160
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- e-mail address: kindy.director@parahillspre.sa.edu.au
- DECS Region: Northern Adelaide Region
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 17kms North of Adelaide
- Enrolment/Attendance: 45 children: average term enrolments (for sessional pre-school) Attendance is regular
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone
- Programs operating
  - Pre Entry: Pre Entry is 1 session per week, Thursday afternoon, one term prior to commencement of full-time
  - 5 Sessions of Preschool for eligible children
The centre offers sessions Monday - Friday that are flexible and accessible to all families with up to 5 sessions a week. Full Day available to all families, Monday - Thursday

- Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)
  - Unfunded in emergency situations

- Extended Care
  - In emergency situations

- Lunch/Full Day Program
  - Monday - Thursday for children attending sessional pre-school

- Bilingual Support
  - Yes - is provided as required

- Preschool Support
  - Varies from year to year depending on the needs of the children

2. **Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:

  Priority: Literacy; Oral Language – TROLL evaluations using 1+1+1 model

  Vision: Children will achieve high learning outcomes supported by Early Childhood Professionals through a quality curriculum implemented in a stimulating play based environment where children are actively involved.

3. **Curriculum**

- Framework used: SACSA & Belong Being Becoming – National Framework
  - The centre currently implements the National Early Years Framework.

- Core Values
  - Care, Respect, Equity and Tolerance.

- Specific curriculum approaches
  - Play based learning is an intrinsic curriculum component
  - Each child's learning and achievements are valued
  - Opportunities and experiences for all children to explore and develop with their individual learning styles.
  - Respect and consideration for each other and the children's family background
  - Care and respect for the environment
  - Protective behaviours
Provision for a range of learning experiences outside the home and pre-school environment (such as excursions, visitors to the pre-school and literacy kits)

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  : close working relationship with Kesters Road Child Care Centre

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  Director PSD1: 1.0
  1 Teacher 0.6
  1 Teacher 0.3
  1 Early Childhood Worker 0.5 (intervention funding to support salary)

- Performance Management Program
  : Based on ongoing and open discussions with staff team members. Each staff member is responsible for their achievement of their personal and site goals through reflection, discussion, relevant training and development. The process is facilitated by the Director.

- Access to special support staff
  : Pre-school support staff and bi-lingual support are accessed as need arises

- Other
  :

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  : The building is generally in good condition.

- Capacity (per session)
  : 28 children

- Centre Ownership
  : DECS

- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  : Double door and toilet

- Other
  : Bus stop at the front of the centre

6. Local Community

  : Diverse socio-economic and cultural community
• Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  : There is a strong parental support and interest in children's pre-school activities and curriculum events.
  A small core group of parents are interested and committed to the Governing Council

• Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  : The main feeder school is Para Hills West, Para Hills, Madison Park, Ingle Farm, Tyndale, St Pius X, Good Sheppard

• Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
  : Kesters Road Child Care Centre is next door and has an access gate straight into the pre-school
  Playgroup is offered at the centre on Friday from 9:30 - 11:30. Early childhood educator facilitate fortnightly

• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  : There is a deli next door to the Child Care Centre and a shopping centre in close proximity

• Other local facilities,
  : Both dental and medical centres are within walking distance

• Availability of staff housing
  : N/A

• Accessibility to Adelaide:
  : There is a bus stop at the front of the pre-school

• Local Government body:
  : The City of Salisbury

7. **Further Comments**

• Establishment of new services and/or programs
  : N/A

• Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups
  : N/A