PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 5618
Centre name: TORRENSVILLE PRESCHOOL CENTRE

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Tracey McLaren
- Postal address - 93A Ashley Street, TORRENSVILLE SA 5031
- Location address - as above
- DECD Partnership - West Torrens Partnership
- Situated 5.4km from GPO, close to Henley Beach Road
- Telephone number - 8443 7492
- Fax number 8351 9745
- Preschool website address: www.torrensvillepre.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.5618.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: In 2015 the Centre is operating fulltime. We offer 4 days of Preschool per week, and have an enrolment of 52 children in the Preschool.
- Stand-alone Preschool co-located with Torrensville Primary School.
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: Monday to Thursday, 9am - 3pm.
  - Funded Occasional Care for over 2 year olds – Wednesday and Thursday morning (9 – 11.45) and afternoon (12.15 – 3pm), and Friday morning
  - Funded Occasional Care for under 2 year olds – Friday morning (9am – 11.45)
  - Bilingual Support – as required
Preschool Support – for children meeting DECD criteria

Early drop-off (8.30am) by arrangement with the Director. There is a charge for this additional service.

All children attend for 5 full days per fortnight (9am – 3pm), which is inclusive of lunch

2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Please refer to our website

3. **Curriculum**
   - *Framework used:* The programme is planned using Being, Belonging, Becoming, Early Years Learning Framework for Australia
   
   **Core Values**
   - We respect and value the cultural diversity of our children and families.
   - We promote and support children in a safe, stimulating, play based learning environment where creativity and imagination is fostered.
   - We aim to provide a community where children, parents and staff work collaboratively to achieve best learning outcomes for all.
   - We provide an environment where trust, respect and sharing are valued, supported and promoted.

   **Specific curriculum approaches**
   - The programme is based on the principles and practices of the Early years Learning Framework, is play based, and responds to the interests and learning needs of the children. We have a strong literacy and numeracy focus.
4. **Centre Based Staff**

- **Director** 0.7
- **Teacher** 2 x 0.7
- **ECW2** - 19 hours & **ECW1** x 2 – 3.5 hours (Occasional Care)
- **ECW1** 0.28 hours (Preschool Programme)

5. **Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds – Torrensville is a 20 year old purpose built centre, with 2 playrooms, a large covered verandah, and 2 spacious outdoor areas. The garden is well established, with a number of shady trees and covered play spaces, and a large lawn area.
- Capacity (per session) : 45 children
- Centre Ownership: land and building owned by DECD
- Pram and wheelchair access, disabled adult toilet.

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

- General characteristics:
  Approximately 25% of children are from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds with most of those having English as a Second Language.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool occurs formally through the Governing Council and informally within the programme. Governing Council consists of parents, staff and Preschool Director. The council is a small but active group responsible for establishing priorities, advising on policy, financial management and general maintenance of the centre with support of the Director.
- 80 – 90% of children transition to Torrensville Primary School which is adjacent to the Preschool.
- Many children also attend local Child Care Centres. We share many children with Torrensville Child Care Centre.