

# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**Centre number:** 3610

**Centre name:** Bains Road Preschool

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director: Rachel Maslen
- Postal & location address: 10 Gum Court, Morphett Vale, 5162, SA.
- DECD Partnership: Panalatinga
- Geographical location: 25 km South of the GPO in the southern suburbs of Adelaide in the Onkaparinga Council area.
- Telephone number: 83223798
- Preschool website address: <https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/bains-road-preschool>
- Preschool e-mail address: [dl.3610.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.3610.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance: Bains Road Preschool is a standalone site offering up to 15 hours of preschool for children in their eligible year.

The preschool currently offers:

- Sessional preschool for up to 66 children a week.
- An Inclusive Preschool Programs for up to 12 children a week.
- Occasional Care sessions for up to 55 children aged from 3 months to 5 years of age.
- Aboriginal children and children in care may access preschool from 3 years of age for up to 12 hours a week. Then in their eligible year, 15 hours a week until the age of 6 or they begin school.
- Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children.
- Children attend two full days a week from 8.30am to 3.00pm with a 4 hour session alternate Fridays. Children attend one of two groups.

- Blue Gum - Monday and Tuesday and alternate Fridays or Wattle - Wednesday and Thursday and alternate Fridays.

#### **Occasional Care**

- Funded Occasional Care sessions are available for children aged between 3 months and 4 years.
- Under 2 years – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am – 11.15am
- Over 2 Years – Tuesday, Wednesday 12.00pm – 2.45pm

#### **Bilingual Support**

- Bilingual support is available as determined by the needs of attending children.

#### **Preschool Support**

- Preschool support is available for children attending preschool who have been identified with a specific need or disability.

## **2. Key Centre Policies**

Our practices are based on the philosophy that the child's voice is central to everything we do and the rights of the child are paramount.

We believe that childhood is a unique time and that child initiated and self-directed play opportunities are a fundamental right of all children.

Our vision is to provide a high quality, play-based program which values children's prior knowledge and experiences and focuses on their learning and well-being. We will continue to provide high quality, inclusive and supportive early childhood services to children and families within our community. We work in a multidisciplinary team to support all children and their families.

#### **Our work is underpinned by our commitment to the following principles**

- A culture of continuous improvement
- An inquiry approach to teaching and learning
- A planned play based learning curriculum
- Partnership with staff, parents and the community
- Equity of access for all families
- Safe, inclusive and ethical practices

### 3. Curriculum

- Bains Road Preschool has a whole site approach to curriculum planning. Our curriculum planning is guided by The Early Years Learning Framework and child led inquiry.
- Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics are embedded in our inquiry play based program.
- We believe the core business of the centre is to provide high quality learning experiences for children in their preschool year. This is supported by quality teaching and working in partnership with families and other agencies to meet the needs of each child.
- The principles and methodology of inquiry are incorporated into our programming.
- Individual learning needs and styles are catered for through a broad range of activities and challenges with the aim being to develop in each child a positive self-concept, a range of knowledge, skills and attitudes and an enthusiasm for learning.
- Staff recognise that play is the child's natural learning method.
- Each child is valued and encouraged to reach his or her full potential.
- Children are challenged to "have a go" and take safe risks in all areas of the program.
- Staff work in partnership with families and a variety of agencies to provide an inclusive program to meet the needs of each child and their family.

#### Our Values

- Trust
- Optimism
- Equity
- Integrity
- Inclusion

#### Specific Curriculum Approaches

- Early Childhood methodology within a child centred and child initiated, play based program where children are given opportunity to have control over elements of their environment and supported to develop and construct their own learning.
- Sensory based learning, physical activity and healthy lifestyle is an ongoing focus for this centre. The Centre has funded the development of a sensory learning area to meet the sensory needs of children.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

### Staff Profile

- Preschool - Director - 1.0- Teacher - 1.4, ECW- 0.8
- Inclusive Preschool Program - 2 x 0.6 Teachers and 1.2 ECW
- Occasional Care – ECW 2 – 0.5, ECW 1 – 0.5
- Support Workers – as required

### Access to additional specialised support

- We have regular visits by Department for Education Speech Pathologists and Special Educator.
- Negotiated Education Plan meetings are held each term for families with children accessing the Inclusive Preschool Program and preschool support.
- Student Review meetings are held each term with the preschool director, special education, speech pathologist and psychologist.
- Preschool staff work with Allied Health staff to support the individual needs of children.

## 5. Centre Facilities

### Buildings and grounds

- Established in 1993 Bains Road Preschool is a large centre which provides a sensory room and other programs including the Inclusive Preschool Program and Occasional Care. Our large, interesting and challenging outdoor learning area is continuously improved.
- The centre is licensed for up to 77 children.

### Centre ownership

- The centre is owned by the Department for Education

### Access for children and staff with disabilities

- There is suitable access for disabled persons with 2 dedicated carpark, ramps and a large indoor activity space. Paths and ramps enable wheelchair access to all areas of the outdoor environment.

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

### **General characteristics:**

- Many of our families have both parents working fulltime so parental involvement varies. An enthusiastic governing council has been established.
- Children from Bains Road Preschool transition to one of 8 Department for Education schools or private schools mostly with the Woodcroft/Morphett vale area.

### **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

- Woodcroft shopping centre, Council chambers and library are within walking distance. There is a large park across the road which the Centre can access.