



CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: June 2017

Centre number: 6627

Centre name: Kirton Point Children's Centre

1. General information

- Director: Pam Stanley
- Postal address: 63 Stevenson Street Port Lincoln SA 5606
- Location address: 63 Stevenson Street Port Lincoln SA 5606
- DECD: Port Lincoln Partnership
- Geographical location – 670 km from GPO
- Telephone number : 08 8682 5969
- Fax number : 08 8683 3931
- Preschool website address: www.kirtonpointcc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.6627.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
66 children are enrolled in the Preschool program in 2017 with an average attendance of approx. **85%**.
Approx. 100 families attend Community Programs each week
- Co-located/stand-alone
Integrated Service in which early childhood professionals, other professionals, families and the local community work together to meet the needs of children and families.

- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Sessional Preschool for eligible children
 - Preschool program operates Monday – Thursday 8.30am – 3.15pm and one session on Friday morning 8.30am – 11.30am.
 - ❖ Inclusive Preschool Program
 - Inclusive Preschool Program operates two full days on Monday and Tuesday 8.45am – 3.15pm, and alternate Wednesday mornings from 8.45 am – 12.45 pm
 - ❖ Occasional Care
 - Funded program operates
 - Thursday: 8.30am to 11.30am and 12.15pm – 3.15pm
 - Friday: 8.30am – 11.30am
 - ❖ Bilingual Support
 - Available for eligible children
 - ❖ Preschool Support
 - Additional support is available for children with identified needs in areas of development such as speech and language, physical skills and social skills
 - ❖ Other programs
 - Targeted and universal playgroups, peer support groups, and parenting education provided for families with children 0 - 8 years.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Our Purpose
 - To improve outcomes for children and families by developing community capacity and fostering strong partnerships.

Centre Priorities

Improvement priorities as outlined in the current Quality Improvement Plan

Centre learning priorities:

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Marte Meo
- Environmental Education and Sustainability
- Wellbeing
- Community Engagement

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values
 - Respect
 - Integrity
 - Collaboration
 - Inclusivity
 - Excellence
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Nature based curriculum
 - Education and Care programs are fully integrated including the Inclusive Preschool Program and Occasional Care

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - 1.0 Director of Early Childhood Education and Care
 - 0.9 Family Services Coordinator
 - 1.0 Community Development Coordinator
 - 0.9 Early Links Coordinator
 - 0.6 Aboriginal Early Links Educator
 - 1.0 Learning Together @ Home Fieldworker
 - 0.6 Allied Health (Occupational Therapist)
 - 2.0 Teachers - Preschool Program
 - 0.6 Teacher - Inclusive Preschool Program
 - 1.0 Early Childhood Worker – Preschool Program
 - 0.6 Early Childhood Worker – Inclusive Preschool Program

0.6 Early Childhood Workers – Occasional Care

0.8 Administration / Finance Officer

Numerous Early Childhood Workers who have variable fractions of time. These staff members are employed across a number of programmes such as Preschool Support, Early Intervention and Bilingual Support.

- Performance Management Program

Performance Management is undertaken with all staff by the Director of Early Childhood Education and Care on a formal and informal basis as part of the site commitment to improving the quality of the service and programs offered.

- Access to special support staff

Children are able to access specialist support services as part of the Preschool Support Program.

Speech and Language screenings are completed for all children in their first weeks of enrolment as part of the Early Intervention Program. Children who require additional support are referred to the Regional Support Services for assessment.

Support is also available via referral to Country Health Connect (Port Lincoln) for services such as Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Services for children 0-4 years.

- Other

Refer to Partner Agencies

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

The building is a stand alone Centre that was completed in late 2010. Extensions were added to the existing preschool area when the Centre was redeveloped into a Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting. The building includes a community room with crèche facilities, a consulting room, staff room for all staff and two office spaces for the Community Team.

The Inclusive Preschool Program / Occasional Care area includes a play area, store room, sleep room, and toilet and change area suitable for children 0- 5 with a range of abilities.

The larger preschool area has a large play area and staff preparation room.

The outdoor learning area has a strong focus on the natural environment.

Edible gardens have been established throughout the grounds.

- Capacity (per session)
45 children (this includes all spaces of the Preschool, Inclusive Preschool Program and Occasional Care areas)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
The Centre is fully accessible for children and adults with disabilities.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Employment in Port Lincoln and Lower Eyre Peninsula has a focus on farming, aquaculture and mining.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Parents and community members volunteer within the Centre
Close links have been established with parent groups and agencies.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

Children transfer to all schools within Port Lincoln - Kirton Point Primary School, Port Lincoln Junior Primary School, Lincoln Gardens Primary School, Port Lincoln Special School, St. Joseph's School and Navigator College.
- Other local care and educational facilities

Port Lincoln has a number of child care centres, preschools, schools (both government and non-government), and Family Day Care
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

A range of commercial and shopping facilities are available
- Other local facilities

A range of medical, sporting, social, cultural and recreational facilities are located in Port Lincoln.

- Availability of staff housing
Government Housing is available for rental in Port Lincoln
- Accessibility
Accessibility to Adelaide and other major centres is possible by a bus service and by road in private vehicle. Two airlines currently operate between Adelaide and Port Lincoln with approx. 40 mins flying time
- Local Government
The Local Government is the 'City of Port Lincoln'. Further information is available on their website.

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
Kirton Point Children Centre offers programs and services for families in partnership with Child and Family Health Service; Department for Child Protection; Port Lincoln Aboriginal Health Service; Department for Communities and Social Inclusion; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service; City of Port Lincoln; CentaCare Catholic Services; Uniting Care Wesley Country SA and other organisations and agencies identified through discussions with the community and families.
The centre also receives federal funding through the Department for Prime Minister and Cabinet – Indigenous Advancement Strategy (Children and Schooling).