



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 09/24

Centre number: 4627

Centre name: Kensington Gardens Preschool

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Melissa Quartuccio
- Postal address
430 The Parade, Kensington Gardens 5068
- Location address
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- DECD Partnership
Central East
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
6km from GPO
- Telephone number
8331 8068
- Fax number
n/a
- Preschool website address:
<https://kensingtonpre.sa.edu.au>

- Preschool e-mail address
dl.4627.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
Our preschool is capped at 44 children; 22 children attend over two groups
- Co-located/stand-alone
Kensington Gardens Preschool is a stand-alone preschool
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - Associated Programs
Pre-entry and Early Entry for eligible children
 - Lunch/Full Day Program
 - Bilingual Support
 - Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

KGP Philosophy (interim until 2025 update)

Kensington Gardens Preschool provides a safe, friendly, and challenging environment where children:

- Engage in hands-on play and exploration
- Connect with nature and the community
- Take charge of their own learning, fostering independence
- Develop skills through play, arts and collaborative learning
- Build confidence, self-belief, and a sense of belonging
- Are valued as capable learners
- Are encouraged to build the foundations of life-long learning

Kensington Gardens Pre-school is situated in the Kensington Gardens Reserve, renamed Kensington Wama in 2021. We acknowledge each day that we meet on the

traditional lands of the Kurna people. Our families come from diverse backgrounds and many of our children attend other local early childhood services either at child-care or alternative learning centres. The preschool provides long days to meet and complement these services and family work commitments. Children's 15 hours of preschool is delivered over 2 full days. The grounds are well kept and shady. KGP does not have one main feeder school but feeds to more than 6 different schools both public and private. Around 30-40% of our children go to Magill Primary School.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Specific curriculum approaches

Literacy

To achieve quality learning outcomes for all children in the areas of

- Oral language
- Emergent Literacy
- Phonological awareness

The following Preschool Literacy indicators guide our curriculum:

- I use language to connect with my world
- I understand the language of my world
- I engage with texts and make meaning
- I represent my world symbolically.

Numeracy

To achieve quality Learning outcomes for all children in the area of Numeracy with experiences provided to encourage skills and processes such as noticing, sorting, patterning, wondering, communicating, reasoning, generalising, visualising and comparing.

The following Preschool Numeracy indicators guide our curriculum:

- I explore and understand my place and space in the world
- I measure and compare my world
- I analyse and read my word mathematically
- I quantify my world.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

Starting in 2024, we are running an intergenerational program with Estia Health, Kensington Gardens.

We also encourage our growing relationship with our closest highschool, Norwood International High School, hosting highschool class visits to kindy and welcoming work experience students.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Director: Melissa Quartuccio (FTE 1.0)
Teacher: Rita Carey (FTE 1.0)
Teacher: Olympia Gerovasilis (FTE 0.8)

The site self-funds ECWs as lunch cover for three hours a day.

- Performance Management Program
Performance Development strategies strive to develop harmony in working relationships and improvement in personal understandings. This is seen as essential in providing a quality service for children and families and enriches individual staff commitment and professional knowledge and skill. Personal development meetings are held throughout the year and the staff team engages in regular reflection during weekly staff meetings
- Access to special support staff
When a child with an identified learning or health need enrolls, we work closely with families to access specialist support from the Department for Education to enable children's full engagement in the program.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - Kensington Gardens Preschool is set in beautiful Kensington Wama on The Parade and is known as "the kindy in the park". The Preschool is close to many public and private schools to which the preschool children will transition.
 - The kindergarten is leased from the Burnside Council close to the eastern foothills, amongst large gum trees and other deciduous trees.

- Capacity (per session)
22 children per session; 44 children across two groups
- Centre Ownership
Burnside Council; site managed by Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
Children and staff have access to a wheelchair friendly toilet. Mostly flat ground accessible from road. Some areas within the preschool outdoor area will mean some difficulty for children and staff in wheelchairs.
- Other
n/a

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Located in Burnside Council.
There are many and varied local businesses in the nearby Norwood and Magill area
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
We encourage families to be involved in all aspects of Preschool.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Children attend Magill, Burnside and Marryatville Primary Schools as well as primary schools further afield. Other children attend St Josephs School, Tranmere and a smaller percentage to various Private schools in the local vicinity.
- Other local care and educational facilities,
Most schools provide Out of School Hours Care. Many local private schools operate Early Learning Centres.
- Other local facilities
Medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational facilities are available in this area.
- Availability of staff housing
n/a
- Accessibility
A bus ride of 15-20 minutes from the city.
- Local Government
Burnside Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
We are part of the Central East Partnership that includes local preschools, primary schools, and high schools.
We work closely with the Greenhill South Partnership as a whole Portfolio.