



Barker Kindergarten
Preschool Context Statement
Centre Number 5605

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1. General information

Centre name: Barker Kindergarten

Centre number: 5605

Preschool Director: Bronwyn Smith

Postal Address: 197 Tynte Street North Adelaide SA 5006

Location address: As above

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DECD District: Adelaide Prospect Partnership

Geographical locations – ie road distance from GPO (km):

North Adelaide – 2km from CBD

Enrolment / Attendance: Enrolments for 2015 - (37)

Average attendance for 2015 - (25)

Co-located / stand alone: Stand alone

Programs operating:

- **Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:**
 - Sessions operate Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8.45am – 2.45pm.
- **Pre Entry:**
 - Available in Term 4.
- **Playgroup:**
 - Weekly during school terms.
 - Playgroup session operates on a Monday 9.30am-11am.
- **Bilingual support:**
 - As required in consultation with parents/guardians.
- **Preschool Support:**
 - Available when needed.
- **Early Entry:**
 - Is available when capacity allows, for children with additional needs such as English as a Second Language, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, physical or intellectual needs and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

2. Key Centre Policies

Key centre policies are available on the Barker Kindergarten website:

- Healthy Food Policy
- Sun Safe Policy
- Wellbeing Policy
- Parent Concerns and Complaints Policy
- Core NQF Policy and Procedures are available on DECD website.

3. Curriculum

- **Early Years Learning Framework. Belonging, Being and Becoming.**
 - Children have a strong sense of identity.
 - Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
 - Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
 - Children are confident and involved learners.
 - Children are effective communicators.
- **DECD Priorities:**
 - A strong focus on powerful learners, numeracy and literacy.

- Dispositions for lifelong learning.
 - Supporting transitions to schools and continuity of learning.
- Our curriculum is guided by a high quality play based curriculum where children explore and make sense of their world through actively engaging in learning experiences, and their environment.
 - We work in partnership with families, communities and other agencies to ensure that children’s learning is relevant and purposeful for them.

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile:

- 0.6 Director
- 0.6 Teacher
- Early Childhood Worker based on enrolments
- Preschool Support based on needs of children

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds:

Barker Kindergarten was built in 1926, and is heritage listed. It is nestled within the inner city suburb of North Adelaide. The light and airy building provides an aesthetic that creates a space of wellbeing for children and their families. Barker Kindergarten has spacious outdoor and indoor learning spaces which enable and facilitate rich learning opportunities for children.

Centre Ownership: DECD

Capacity: 39

6. Local Community

General Characteristics:

- Barker Kindergarten resides within the established suburb of North Adelaide which is located in the Eastern Suburbs of Adelaide.
- Barker Kindergarten has strong identity within the community.
- Barker Kindergarten has an active Governing Council which is involved in a wide range of decision making.
- Parents are involved in the curriculum development and dialogue. In addition they support social functions, cooking, gardening, & laundry.
- Barker Kindergarten is closely located to other family services and schools.

Local Government: Adelaide City Council

Schools to which children general transfer from this preschool:

North Adelaide Primary School, Prospect Primary School, Prospect North Primary School, Nailsworth Primary School, Walkerville Primary School, St Dominic's Priory College, Black Friars, Christian Brothers College and St Aloysious.

Other local care and educations facilities e.g. child care, schools, OSHC:

- There are a substantial number of local childcare centres, Early Learning Centres, and the Sturt St Children's Centre close by.
- Most public and private schools in the area offer Out of School Care, OSHC.

Commercial / industrial and shopping facilities:

Barker Kindergarten is situated amongst a bustling shopping and business precinct, cafes and civic buildings, including the library.

Accessibility:

Adelaide CBD is approximately a 5 minute drive from the preschool. There are numerous bus routes to and from the city which are located close to the kindergarten on Tynte Street and O'Connell Street.

7. Further Comments

Barker Kindergarten is part of the Adelaide Prospect DECD Partnership We work collaboratively with Preschools and Schools within the partnership to enhance the learning and wellbeing outcomes for children.