PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number:  5652
Centre name:  West Beach Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Co-Directors
  Rosa Pryor/Bronwyn Ruciak

- Postal address
  13 Winston Cr
  WEST BEACH  SA  5024

- Location address
  13 Winston Cr
  WEST BEACH  SA  5024

- DECD Partnership
  Western Adelaide Shores

- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
  10 km

- Telephone number
  8356 7081

- Fax number
  8355 0146

- Preschool website address:
http://www.westbchkgn.sa.edu.au

- Preschool e-mail address
dl.5652.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

- Enrolment figures

  2015 – 58
  2016 - 58

- Stand alone Kindergarten

- Programs operating at the preschool
  
  - Early Entry – integrated into Sessional Kindergarten subject to criteria and Centre capacity/staffing requirements
  
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
    Monday and Wednesday 8:30 – 4:00 or
    Tuesday and Thursday  8:30 – 4:00
    Includes 15hr Universal Access funded session
    Children attend either group.
  
  - Full Day Program
  
  - Bilingual Support
  
  - Preschool Support
  
  - Playgroup
    Friday 9:30 – 11:30 except final Friday of term
    Parent-run.
2. **Key Centre Policies**

- **Key Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose**
  West Beach Kindergarten is a child centred kindergarten that works in partnership with families and local community
  1. We recognise the importance of strong curriculum foci in the areas of numeracy/language/literacy and social and emotional development
  2. Committed to high quality teaching to ensure positive outcomes for children’s learning
  3. We recognise the early childhood years are about valuing the here and now in a child’s ongoing development and life long learning
  4. We value and implement the DECD priorities and policies and work collaboratively with colleagues in the Western Adelaide Shores Partnership

3. **Curriculum**

- **Framework used:** Early Years Learning Framework – Belonging, Being & Becoming

- **Core Values**
  - We are committed to reflecting on our work to ensure continuous improvement in what we do.
  - We believe in the importance of fostering exploration, curiosity, creativity and challenge in all children
  - We value parent involvement and input into the decision making processes
  - We are committed to improving the quality of our assessment and reporting procedures
  - We believe that play based learning within a child centred curriculum is the best environment for children’s development.

  We value:

  - Teamwork
  - Confidence
  - Respect
  - Communication
  - Creativity
  - Problem Solving
  - Persistence

Values developed in collaboration with staff and families at West Beach Kindergarten 2016
- Specific curriculum emphases is on the following areas
  - Early Literacy development – Oral Language Focus
  - Numeracy development
  - Self help skills and independence
  - Promoting overall wellbeing and positive social functioning
  - Promoting imaginative/dramatic play
  - Digital learning

- Special curriculum projects/joint programs
  - Social functioning program, establishing coping, negotiation strategies and skill development
  - Environmental and sustainability program- WOW- waste reduction program
  - Vegetable garden beds
  - Transition program with West Beach Primary School
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  Director 1.0 (2016.05 Co-Directors sharing leadership role)
  Teacher 1.0
  ECW 1.0

- Performance Management Program
- Access to special support staff

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  - 3 children’s toilets

- Capacity (per session)
  36 children
  Site capacity is 72

- Centre Ownership
  - DECD

- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  - YES with limited wheelchair access

6. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
  - Child and Youth Health Service (CYHS) screenings on site once a term