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

  2014 - 70
  2015 – 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 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 DECS priorities and policies and work collaboratively with colleagues in the Western Adelaide Region

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 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:

  - Belonging
  - Confidence
  - Respect
  - Creativity
  - Communication
  - Resilience
  - Problem Solving
  - Persistence

Values developed in collaboration with staff and families at West Beach Kindergarten 2015
• 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 on an interactive Touch screen

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

- Staff Profile
  Director 1.0
  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
  - DECS

- 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