



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 05/04/2023

Centre number: 4631

Centre name: Keithcot Farm Children's Centre

1. General information

- Centre Director: Anne Whittleston
- Postal address: 5 Keithcot Farm Drive Wynn Vale SA 5127
- Location address: as above
- DfE Partnership: Goldenway
- Geographical location – road distance from GPO: 18.4Km
- Telephone number: 8251 2700
- Fax number: 8289 2676
- Preschool website address: www.keithcotfarmcc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: anne.whittleston916@schools.sa.edu.au
- Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the centre
 - Sessional Preschool for eligible children
 - Between Session Care
 - Preschool Support
 - Long Day Care
 - Before and After Preschool Care
 - Allied Health – 0.3 FTE Speech Pathologist + 0.3FTE Occupational Therapist
 - Community Development
 - Parenting Programs
 - Partnership with Northern Area Midwifery Group Practice.
 - Partnership with Blended Therapy (Early Intervention Service)
 - Partnership with Learning Together and Uniting Care Wesley Bowden to provide supported Playgroups.

Enrolment

Year	Enrolment by Term			
	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2019	87	88	84	84
2020	58	N/A	57	57
2021	68	67	65	66
2022	61	61	61	N/A

2023	60			
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Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2019 centre	90.0%	91.1%	86.7%	87.8%
2020 centre	88.3%		86.3%	90.4%
2021 centre	93.5%	91.9%	94.5%	87.1%
2022 centre	81.8%	78.0%	82.4%	90.4%
2019 state	90.8%	88.2%	86.8%	87.6%
2020 state	89.8%	83.6%	86.2%	87.2%
2021 state	88.6%	86.5%	88.6%	85.6%
2022 state	84.9%	79.8%	80.3%	N/A

2. Key Centre Policies

- Policies are available on Centre Website

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Literacy and Numeracy Guidebooks
- Preschool Learning Improvement Plan

PQIP 2023 Goal:

To improve children's ability to self-regulate to access and persevere in sustained shared thinking

Our Challenge of Practice: If Educators respond, model and co regulate with children to manage their emotions, attention, and arousal levels we will improve children's ability to self-regulate to access and persevere in sustained shared thinking.

Our Success Criteria:

Children will use regulation strategies to maintain engagement and participation in the learning program.

Children will identify their emotions and actions to manage them.

Children will maintain attention for extended periods with peers and adults in sustained shared thinking.

Children will demonstrate perseverance within and through purposeful play.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
 - 1 Full Time Director: Education + Care
 - 1 Full Time Assistant Director
 - 2 Full Time Early Childhood Teachers
 - 1 Full Time Early Childhood Worker
 - 2 0.5 FTE Early Childhood Workers
 - 3 Full Time Long Day Care Educators
 - 11 Part Time Long Day Care Educators
 - 1 Full Time Cook
 - 1 Full Time Admin Officer
 - 1 Part Time Finance Officer
 - 1 Full Time Community Development Coordinator
 - 1 0.3 FTE Speech Pathologist
 - 1 0.3 FTE Occupational Therapist
- Performance Management Program
 - 6 monthly Performance Development Planning meetings with Director and Assistant Director

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - Keithcot Farm was originally opened in 1989 as a Kindergarten with an Occasional Care facility. The building was extended in 2006 to accommodate an integrated Long Day Care program. The building was again extended in 2018 to accommodate Community Development, Allied Health, noncontact facilities, and a dedicated staff room for our large multidisciplinary team.
 - The Centre is co-located with Keithcot Farm Primary School and Kings Baptist Grammar School.
 - The outdoor learning environment is supportive of children's needs and there are undercover areas and shade from maturing trees.
 - Car parking facilities are minimal.
 - There are ramps which enable access for children and staff with disabilities
- Capacity (per session) 92
- Centre Ownership: Department for Education.