

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT: THE BRIARS PRESCHOOL 2020

Preschool number: 1417

Preschool Name: The Briars Preschool

Preschool profile:

The Briars preschool is dedicated to the education of preschool children including children with disability and complex needs.

1. General Information

Department for Education

Location and Postal Address: 5 Briar Road Felixstow SA
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Partnership: Campbell

Geographical location: 6km from GPO

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1. Key centre priorities:

Centre priorities

Preschool program

All children are entitled to access 15 hours of preschool education in the year prior to starting school, commencing at the beginning of the year. Government preschools have one intake at the beginning of each year for children who turn 4 years of age before 1 May.

Children who turn 4 years of age on or after 1 May can start preschool the following year.

Aboriginal children and children who have been or are in care can start preschool from 3 years old and may attend for an average of 12 hours per week. At the beginning of the year in which the child turns 4 years of age before 1 May, the child is able to access 15 hours of preschool. They may either start school when they reach the age of eligibility for enrolment at a government school or continue at preschool until they turn 6 years of age.

Early entry to preschool is not a guarantee and children who meet the eligibility requirements for preschool are given priority for enrolment over early entry enrolments. Requests for early entry to a preschool are assessed on a case by case basis by the principal or director.

Statement of purpose

The Briars Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) documents plans for continuous improvement.

Vision

The Briars Preschool provides an inclusive learning environment that supports the learning of all children, including children with disability and complex needs. This is offered through the provision of a curriculum based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF).

The Briars Preschool is a vibrant, safe and nurturing learning community for all children, including children with disability and complex needs and their families.

We believe that:

- All children are learners and can be empowered to be actively involved in their world.
- Children learn best when they are happy and confident in a learning environment that provides a sense of belonging.
- This occurs when we provide learning opportunities that enable all

children's individuality in a supportive learning community.

2. Curriculum

The preschool implements the Early Years Learning Framework to plan learning experiences and to report to families. Whole site planning, and critical reflection, ensures that staff develop and implement a range of experiences which maximise learning opportunities for every child.

Parents and families are informed about learning experiences through termly overviews and fortnightly programming information.

Staff work in a multi-disciplinary team approach. A number of children have a range of therapists who provide information from which a coordinated personalised learning plan is developed and agreed upon.

EYLF

A play based curriculum which is child initiated, with structured play and incorporates opportunities for children to be involved in independent exploration and experimentation. There is an emphasis on sensory experiences which support children's social and emotional wellbeing. Children's communication is supported by the provision of a range of methods eg visual strategies and inclusive technologies.

4. Staff

Current staff profile dependent on enrolments

Director- 1.0FTE

Early Years Teachers- 3.6 FTE

E.C.W's- 4.0 FTE

Administration- 1.8 FTE

Performance Management

Performance management processes are ongoing, including regular informal feedback and individual performance planning and reviews.

5. Centre facilities

Buildings and Grounds

The Briars Preschool is a purpose built centre designed to provide a preschool educational setting for young children including children with complex needs. Capacity is currently 30 children per session.

Facilities allow access and participation for all children including those with disability and complex needs.

6. Local Community

Parent involvement

All parents are invited to be part of the preschool Governing Council and are encouraged to participate in their child's learning through the personalised learning process and through opportunities to be involved in the preschool program.

Continuity of learning

Children from The Briars Preschool will transition to school, consultations including meetings between staff, will support these transitions.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

The Briars Preschool is located between the Marden Shopping Centre and the Glynde Court Plaza at the junction of Lower North East Road and Payneham Road.

Other local facilities

Council Library, football oval, O-bahn and Fogular Furlan Italian Centre are within walking distance to The Briars preschool.

Local Government

The Briars is situated in the City of St Peters, Norwood and Payneham Council.