



CENTRE CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 1st December 2016

Centre number: 5622

Centre name: Kalaya Children's Centre

Kalaya Children's Centre is an integrated DECD site with an Aboriginal focus. Services provided include: sessional kindergarten, pre-entry and long day care for up to 76 children per day. Kalaya Children's Centre currently employs 21 staff members, offers a bus service and is governed by a Management Committee.

1. General information

- Centre Director - Lynette Callaghan
- Postal address - 50 Webb Street, Queenstown SA 5014
- Location address - 50 Webb Street, Queenstown
- DECS Partnership – LeFevre Peninsula
- Geographical location – In the Western suburbs of Adelaide situated approximately 14 kms from the Adelaide GPO.
- Telephone number - (08) 8447 6519
- Fax number – (08) 8447 6036
- Centre website address: www.kalayacc.sa.edu.au
- Centre e-mail address – dl.5622.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Programs operating at the Centre

❖ **Sessional Kindergarten**

Our kindergartens offer up to 5 sessions per week for 4 year old children and 4 sessions per week for eligible* 3 year old children. This is usually over **2 or 2 1/2 days full days** during term dates.

Session times: (AM) 9.00am- 12.00 noon.

(PM) 1.00pm – 4.00 pm

Lunch is provided (and claimed through CCB) for children attending full days.

*Eligible children: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and Young People in care from 3 years of age. All other children are entitled to 4 terms of sessional kindergarten in the year prior to them starting school (refer to DECD Same First Day policy).

❖ **Child Care – Child Care Benefit Approved site**

Families can receive assistance from Centrelink's Family Assistance Office to assist with the payment of child care fees. Usual entitlements are up to 24 hours for non-working families and up to 50 hours for working families.

❖ **Preschool Support**

Our kindergarten has access to the DECD ISS team, which includes speech pathology, psychology and other services in response to Individual needs (including bilingual support).

2. Key Centre Policies

- Statement of Purpose

To provide a culturally responsive and quality play –based curriculum, that is inclusive of all family backgrounds. A welcoming place where children can thrive and communities can grow to their highest potential.

3. Curriculum

- Our program focuses on providing learning experiences to foster the development of lifelong learning in life skills and competencies. Our centre follows the National Early Years Learning Framework for Australia: *Belonging, Being and Becoming*.

- Core Values

Children’s early years and experiences are critical to their future years.

Relationships - Warm, respectful and responsive connections with family, community and educators are critical for children.

Diversity – Recognising the diversity that exists within and between communities through valuing all children’s cultural and social experiences are important to a child’s self concept, identity and esteem.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Team

Director

IPP Coordinator

Finance Officer

Cook

Bus Driver

2 X Teachers

8 X Early Childhood Workers

2 Preschool Support Workers

1 Groundsperson

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

Our centre has 4 groups catering for children in various age groups.

Our buildings were fully upgraded in 2014 and our grounds have spacious outdoor areas for all children from 6 months to 6 years of age.

- Capacity

Our centre capacity is for up to 76 children per day.

Our long day care program caters for babies and children from 6 months to 6 yrs of age in full time or part time care (full day sessions from 7.00am – 6.00pm).

- Centre Ownership

The Department of Education and Children's Services own the centre buildings and employs most staff members at Kalaya.

- Access for children and staff with disabilities - Yes