CENTRE CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 20th August 2015

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 62 children. Kalaya Children’s Centre currently employs 14 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 Children under the Guardianship of the Minister from 3 years of age. Children that have been assessed as having additional needs can attend from 3.6 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).

❖ Inclusive Preschool Program

Children eligible for kindergarten have access to our integrated Inclusive Preschool Program.

❖ 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**