**PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT**

**Centre number:** 5636  
**Centre name:** North Haven Kindergarten

1. **General information**

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   *Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)*  
   25km

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Enrolment/Attendance
We currently have 37 eligible children enrolled.

Co-located/stand-alone
We are a stand-alone kindergarten located adjacent to North Haven Primary School.

Programs operating at the preschool

☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
   We implemented Universal Access at the beginning of 2012. Our standard configuration is one full day and three half days (The fee is currently $85 per term) Additional lunch-care sessions are negotiable currently at a cost of $8 per session.

☐ Occasional Care
   We have two funded sessions for children who are 2 and older. The sessions operate on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8:45-11.45am.

☐ Extended Care
   Children can access the before and after school care programmes based at North Haven School

☐ Lunch/Full Day Program
   One lunch-care session is offered as part of our standard configuration for Universal Access. An additional lunchcare session is available if families choose to access their child's five sessions as two full-days and one half day.Families can negotiate to access a fortnightly rotation of 2 full days one week and 3 full days the next.

☐ Bilingual Support
   This can be arranged if needed.

☐ Preschool Support
   This is available for children with additional needs.
2. **Key Centre Policies**

See site website for specific centre policies or DECD website as appropriate.

**National Quality Standards**

- Successful assessment in 2013
- Currently involved in local ‘Good to Great’ Project in preparations for next assessment.
- Committed to a cycle of improvement.

**Universal Access**

- Funding currently committed to employ Early Childhood Workers directly benefitting children with increased opportunities for one to one and small group interactions.

**Centre Philosophy**

- Please refer to our philosophy statement written in consultation with staff, children and families.

3. **Curriculum**

*Belonging, Being and Becoming: the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia*

This curriculum framework informs our pedagogy and practise

*Belonging- as a member of a family, a community and a culture.*

*Being- a four year old and all the joy and fun that brings*

*Becoming- a confident learner and a responsible global citizen*

**Core values**

- We are committed to play and strength based learning
- We build strong and respectful relationships with each child and their family
- We work in partnership with each family
- We are reflective practitioners
- We are committed to a cycle of improvement
- We celebrate and value diversity
- We have an environmental responsibility
Specific curriculum approaches

- The Educators co-construct the curriculum with the children
- Each child’s learning journey at kindergarten is monitored, reviewed, supported and celebrated
- The curriculum engages each child through meaningful and relevant experiences
- We support children to develop learning processes including; resilience, persistence, organisation, confidence and problem solving.
- The Indicators of Preschool Literacy and the Indicators of Preschool Numeracy are implemented as planning and assessment tools.
- We have a holistic approach to teaching and learning

Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

- Weekly visits to the North Haven School library.
- Visits from older school students as part of their community service.
- Visits from school classes and reciprocal visits with the kindy children to school.

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile

- Director 1.0
- Teacher 1.0
- .7 Early Childhood Worker position through Universal Access funding currently shared by 2 ECW’s
- 1 Occasional Care Coordinator.
- 1 Preschool Support Worker.
- Staff development and training is undertaken by staff individually and as a team.
- Staff performance reviews are implemented annually as a celebration of each team member’s contribution to our curriculum and practise and to negotiate new goals.
- We have access to a range of specialist support staff through DECD disabilities services as well as other agencies including Novita.
5. **Centre Facilities**

**Buildings and grounds**

Our centre was opened on the 21st of November in 1982. It is a purpose built facility. We are located adjacent to North Haven School and access school facilities including the school courts, oval, playground and library. We have many indigenous and waterwise plants throughout our grounds. We have developed a lizard garden, a covered frog pond, a butterfly garden, an arbour, vegetable gardens and a ‘moss rock’ gathering area. The children have worked with older children from the school on many of these projects and built strong connections with their environment at kindergarten. We are a well resourced centre in terms of indoor and outdoor equipment. We have fixed and moveable equipment outside and a large shade structure. We use an interactive whiteboard as a teaching and learning tool. We have areas where children can engage in active play and also quiet, reflective activities. We are continually maintaining and improving our resources and facilities in consultation with the children and our community.

*Capacity (per session)*

45

**Centre Ownership**

Our centre is owned by the Department for Education and Child Development.

*Access for children and staff with disabilities*

Our building and outdoor areas are accessible via wide gates, flat surfaces, paths and double entrance doors. They are spacious and uncluttered.

*We are committed to ensuring we are inclusive of all children.*
6. **Local Community**

   **General characteristics:**
   - We have a diverse group of families attending our centre. We are located at the end of Le Fevre Peninsula.
   
   **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
   - We currently have 10 members on our governing council and are supported by our community in many varied ways.

   **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
   - The majority of our children transition to North Haven school but we have also had children move onto Our Lady of the Visitation school, Dominican, Ocean View College and Largs Bay Primary.

   **Other local care and educational facilities**
   - There are childcare centres located nearby, the school have an OSHC programme which our children can access for before and after school care and vacation care. We have family day care staff bringing children to our services.

   **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
   - North Haven shopping centre is nearby and offers a Foodland, butcher, bakery, chemist, takeaway, post-office, video shop and hairdresser.

   **Other local facilities**
   - The Le Fevre Community Centre offers a range of recreational activities.
   - There are a number of medical centres nearby. The beaches are a favourite place for families in summer.

   **Availability of staff housing**
   - N/A.

   **Accessibility**
   - We are close to a train and bus service.

   **Local Government**
   - We are in the Port Adelaide/Enfield council area.

7. **Further Comments**

   We welcome anyone who would like to visit our centre and meet the staff.