PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 4622
Centre name: Highbury Preschool

1. General information
   - Preschool Director: Marnie Hillier
   - Postal address: PO Box 28 HOPE VALLEY SA 5090
   - Location address: 46 Beckman Avenue HIGHLBURY SA 5089
   - DECS Region: Northern Adelaide Region
   - Geographical location – Approximately 8km from GPO
   - Telephone number: 08 8263 3281
   - Fax number: 08 8395 3524
   - Preschool website address: www.highburycc.sa.edu.au
   - Preschool e-mail address: kindy.director@highburycc.sa.edu.au
   - Enrolment/Attendance
     Enrolments for Term 1 2012-102
     - Co-located/stand-alone Preschool, on site with Highbury Primary School
       - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
       - Monday to Thursday 8:30am until 11:30am
         12noon until 3pm
       - Fridays 8:30am until 11:30am
         11:30am until 2:30pm
       - Alternate full days from 8:30am until 2:30pm

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Funded Occasional Care

- Fridays  8:30am until 11:30am
  11:30am until 2:30pm

- Lunch/Full Day Program from 8:30am until 3pm Mondays through to Thursdays. Additional charges are associated with this program.

- Bilingual Support (as per eligibility criteria)

- Preschool Support as per eligibility criteria

2. **Key Centre Policies**

Please refer to our Parent Information within our Website, for relevant information. We are currently compiling our Quality Improvement Plan for 2012, outlining our site priorities, in alignment with the National Quality Standards.. This will be available in Term 2, 2012.

3. **Curriculum**

Our curriculum plan is based upon the National Early Years Learning Framework, otherwise referred to as EYLF. This document outlines five outcomes for children’s learning, achieved through the wonder and excitement of a play based learning program.

The programme we provide encompasses the needs, interests and strengths of the children accessing the Preschool, as well as professional judgement about the content of the programme.

Our Regional priority related to curriculum, centres upon comprehension, so this forms a significant part of our planning and observations within our weekly learning programme.
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  Director: 1.0
  Teacher: 1.0 equivalent
  Early Childhood Workers Level 1: 2.0
  Occasional Care Worker: 0.2
  This formula does not include additional allocations for Universal Access to Preschool, or other Centre grants to support children’s learning.

- Performance Management Program exists for all staff employed within DECD.

- Access to special support staff as per eligibility criteria for supporting children with additional needs. This includes support from:
  DECD Speech Pathologist
  DECD Educational Psychologist
  DECD Disability Coordinator
  Engagement with other relevant agencies

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  Highbury Preschool is situated in the picturesque grounds of Highbury Primary School. A large outdoor play area welcomes families upon arrival at the centre.

  The Centre is bordered by large gum trees, providing a visually stimulating and inviting environment, as well as natural shade. Shade structures have been constructed over the sandpit and softfall areas, with funds raised to support the installation of a shade over the swings area.

  A large verandah surrounds the building, providing additional areas to support play, throughout the seasons.

  Floor coverings inside of the building, were replaced at the end of 2010, supporting an acoustic assessment of the building. This also included the installation of pin up boards, to absorb sound.
• Capacity (per session): 42

• Centre Ownership: DECD

• Access for children and staff with disabilities: An allocated park exists in the street parking on Beckman Avenue. The building has ramp access and double doors to allow for wheelchair access.

6. Local Community

• Highbury Preschool is situated in a well established area, with some construction under way in local housing estates.

• Main schools families attend include:
  Highbury Primary School
  Torrens Valley Christian School
  St David’s Parish School
  St Francis of Xavier Wynn Vale
  St Francis of Assissi at Newton

• Highbury Primary School operates an Out of School Hours Care Program that offers a few positions to children attending Preschool. All negotiations related to accessing this program, are held directly with OSHC.

• Several Child Care Centres are in operation in the local area.