



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 08/2013

Centre number: 2696

Centre name: ADAMS ROAD CHILDREN'S CENTRE

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Amy Mudge
- Postal address – PO BOX 548 CRAIGMORE SA 5114
- Location address – 33 ADAMS ROAD CRAIGMORE SA 5114
- DECD Region – NORTHERN ADELAIDE
- Partnership Uleybury
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) – 27km north
- Telephone number – 08 / 8254 6616
- Fax number – 08 / 8284 3036
- Preschool website address: www.adamsrdcc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.2696_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment / Attendance:
100 enrolments with average attendance of 50 children per session

- Co-located/stand-alone:
Stand-alone

- Programs operating at the preschool:
 - ❖ Sessional Preschool for eligible children in the year before they start school – flexible sessions are offered to facilitate access to the preschool program for each eligible child to attend up to 15 hours per week

 - ❖ Full Day Program Two full days per week and 1 half day session per fortnight 15 hours per week.

 - ❖ Bilingual Support subject to availability of funds and suitable bi-lingual assistants for children who meet criteria

 - ❖ Preschool Support provided by the Northern Adelaide region for children who meet criteria

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose: At Adams Road Children's Centre, children have the opportunity to learn in a happy educational environment which is comprehensive, challenging, creative, diverse, flexible and fun. Our children, families and staff enjoy positive interactions with the local community through shared experiences
- Improved learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy
- Continued development of the outdoor learning environment
- Attendance and wellbeing so that children enjoy coming to preschool and are able to maximise their learning outcomes in all areas of the curriculum

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia – Belonging, Being and Becoming
- Core Values – Families are involved in the program, each child is valued as an individual and staff act as positive role models
- Specific curriculum approaches:
Play based curriculum with planned and unplanned individual and small and large group activities. Inclusive of constructivism and learning dispositions

- Joint programmes / special curriculum projects:
Close proximity to both Playford Primary School and Catherine McAuley Catholic School enables close relationships with the preschool and the children regularly share in special events as well as day to day activities – buddy classes, library visits, transition to school
Resthaven Aged Care –staff from both sites jointly plan reciprocal visits throughout the year

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:

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| Director | 1.0 |
| Teacher | 1.5 |
| Early Childhood Worker 1 | 2.0 FTE |
- Performance Management Program:
Staff meet with Director twice a year. Staff are released for ongoing training and development to support DECD and site priorities. Ongoing personal professional development is encouraged and supported

- Access to special support staff:
Early Intervention Teacher employed to support additional staffing and improved ratios in the centre.
Bi-lingual Assistants through the Preschool Bilingual Program
Speech Pathology, Psychology, Special Education and Social Work through the North Group of Districts Pre-school Support Program
Staff work closely with Disability SA, Child and Youth Health Service, Autism SA, Child Development Units, Women's and Children's Hospital, Lyell McEwin Hospital, SERU, local private service providers and various support groups

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
Adams Road Children's Centre was established in 1990 and is a large well maintained modern and functional building
- Capacity (per session):
50 places
- Centre Ownership:
Department of Education and Child Development
- Access for children and staff with disabilities:
Building accessible and yard negotiable. There is one toilet for the disabled

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:

Adams Road Children's Centre was established in 1990 to cater for the many families moving into the then rapidly developing housing estates in Craigmore. Craigmore is situated on the north-eastern fringe of Elizabeth in the Playford Council area. Many homes have recently been built to the north and east of the Kindergarten providing us with steady enrolments. In 2013 there is land still being released in new housing estates and the new subdivisions north of Craigmore Road (Blakeview Grove and Blake's Crossing) have had many homes completed during 2013. Young families, mostly with one to one and a half incomes live in the area and are buying their own homes. There are also a number of privately rented dwellings due to the reasonably priced properties and the demand for Defence Force housing has increased as expected with an expansion of Defence personnel at Edinburgh. A proportion of our children are from Defence Force families who regularly receive postings in and out of the area.

The last few years have a range of new cultures move to the area and the preschool has had bi-lingual support for some of these children

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:

Adams Road Children's Centre is well supported by parents and caregivers – they often help out during the sessions. The Governing Council meet twice a term in the evening at the Preschool. The Governing Council and the Fundraising Group work to raise money to provide the program with quality resources and continue to support the ongoing development of the outdoor area

We have strong links with Playford Primary School (Government) and Catherine McAuley School (Catholic) which occupy a shared campus across Adams Road from the Kindergarten and also Trinity College at Blakeview and Gawler.

Our children visit Resthave Aged Care each fortnight to share activities with the residents

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:

60% to Playford Primary School

30% to Catherine McAuley Catholic Primary School

10% to Trinity College (Blakeview, Gawler River, North and South Schools), Craigmore Christian School, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Blakeview Primary School, Craigmore South Primary School, Tyndale Christian School

- Other local care and educational facilities:

Several childcare centres operate in the area

Playford Primary School and Catherine McAuley School share a campus across the road to the east of the preschool

Other schools nearby are - Trinity College (Blakeview, North and South Schools), Craigmore Christian School, St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Blakeview Primary School, Craigmore South Primary School

Out of School Hours Care is offered at Playford / McAuley Campus and other local schools as well as Craigmore YMCA and in Gawler

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
Munno Para Shopping Centre, Elizabeth City Centre, Gawler and small local centres
- Other local facilities:
Well serviced with local clubs and good indoor and outdoor facilities for sport and other activities
- Availability of staff housing:
N / A
- Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport:
Bus stops are located a short walk from the preschool with regular services to Munno Para, Elizabeth and Smithfield that also link with the Adelaide to Gawler train line
The Barossa Valley and all the tourist attractions there are less than an hour's drive from Craigmore
- Local Government:
City of Playford Council Area
Phone: 08 / 8256 0333

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups:
Local schools – Playford Primary School and Catherine McAuley are situated directly across the road via a designated crossing and the preschool and the two schools plan regular visits to share programs and activities with each other
 - Adams Road Children's Centre is part of the Uleybury Partnership