

## PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

Port Lincoln Centre Supports Aboriginal culture, lifestyles and child rearing practices by valuing parents, extended families. Acknowledges and respects the cultural heritage that the children, families and staff bring to the Centre.

We will refer to the articles in the child friendly UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

We believe:

- Every child has the right to secure, trusting, nurturing relationship (article 1,2,3,19)
- In respect for children, families, each other and the environment (article 29)
- Families are important, they are the main educators and caregivers ( article 5,28)
- In equality, fairness and diversity (article 19,23,30)
- In being responsive to children, community, staff and parent voice (article 12,13,17)
- That children have the right to positive play and rest throughout the day (article 31)
- All children are capable and competent learners (article 28,29)
- In play based learning (article 13,28,29)
- In the importance of staff developing and maintaining trusting relationships with children, families and each other (article 3,4,28)
- Healthy eating is essential for physical and mental development (article 24)
- Every child has a right to be safe (article 19)
- Every child has the right to challenge their capabilities (article 29)

Therefore as staff we will:

- Follow the requirements of the National Quality Framework and principles and practices of the Early Years Learning Framework
- Value and respect children, families, each other and the environment
- Develop partnerships with families by listening; and supporting them in their role of nurturing children.
- Be inclusive and respectful
- Listen and respond to children , community, staff and parent voice
- Provide a diverse environment that supports the opportunity for intentional teaching and includes areas for both quiet and active play that promotes individual knowledge, strengths and interests
- Make ourselves available to build and maintain close relationships with families, community and each other.
- Encourage, promote and provide healthy food choices
- Model appropriate interactions and practices with children, staff and the wider community.
- Encourage and support children to explore and learn through experiences
- Create an environment as safe as necessary

## PORT LINCOLN CHILDREN'S CENTRE STAFF

**DIRECTOR:** Joanne Smith  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Sarah Davey

### PRESCHOOL STAFF

Nadine Bilney, Roxanne Ware, Kirsty Docking, Teresa Kenny, Rose Berrett, Sue Hodgson, Jodi Hoskins, Mary Ware, Lisa Webster, & Sharlie Smith

### CHILDCARE STAFF

Lynn Bilney , Rebecca Shillabeer, Amanda Cook, Lisa Webster, Robyn Brown, Kelsey Neighbour & Emma Morris

**FINANCE OFFICER**  
Kerry Szoke

**COOK**  
Emma Morris

**BUS DRIVER/MAINTENANCE**  
Kingsley Bilney

## Service Information



**Port Lincoln Children's Centre  
Inc.**

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Early Childhood  
Education and Childcare**

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Director: Joanne Smith**

## PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Parents are encouraged to do pre-visits with their child/ren and are welcome to stay with their child in the Centre and participate with activities at any time.

Educators are available to talk about your child's day.

All parents are invited to attend the AGM to become a Committee member. Parents are encouraged to participate and contribute to their children's safety, learning and wellbeing whilst in the Centre.

Any issues parents want addressed at the committee meetings can be written and submitted at the Centre, to be tabled at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

The Management Committee comprises of kindy and childcare parents and it aims to:

- implement the Centre philosophy
- implement the Centre policies
- manage funds
- oversee programs
- maintain equipment

Management Meeting minutes are available for all interested parents to read at their leisure.

Policy folder is available in reception area for parent perusal.

## OPERATIONAL TIMES

### KINDY:

Kindy sessions are for 4 Year old children with 5 sessions available and for 3 year old Aboriginal children with 4 sessions available.

A bus service is available to pick-up and drop-off your children if eligible.

### **3 year old**

**Thursdays & Friday : 8.45 am to 3.00 pm**

### **4 year old kindy**

**Monday : 8.45am to 3.00pm**

**Tuesday : 8.45am to 3.00pm**

**Wednesday : 8.45am to 12:00noon**

**bus run starts at 8.30am for pick ups**

### CHILDCARE:

The Centre is open from 8.30am to 5.15pm Monday to Friday: 50 weeks of the year. The Centre is closed two weeks over Christmas and Public Holidays.

Children can be booked in for any combination of sessions:

**Morning: 8:30am to 12:30pm**

**Afternoon: 12:30pm to 5:15pm**

### RECONCILIATION & ROAD SAFETY AREA

For all Inquiries & Bookings:  
phone 08 86833073

## WHAT IF I HAVE A PROBLEM?

If you have a problem due to your experience at or with the Centre, in the first instance, you are encouraged to address your concerns to the person involved. However, if your concerns are not resolved, or you feel uncomfortable, you should discuss it with the Director. The Director will either support you herself or refer your concerns to the Management Committee.

If the Management Committee does not resolve your concerns, you have the right to take the matter to the relevant Government

Departments.

**Confidentiality will be respected at all times.**

**Complaints about education and early childhood services**

KINDY: Education Complaint Unit

Phone: 1800 677 435

Email:DECD.EducationComplaint@sa.gov.au

We can help you by:

- Providing advice and support about the issues behind the complaint
- Advocating with local sites to ensure all options for resolution have been explored
- Objectively reviewing complaints that have not been resolved at the local level, including through a formal review

**External agency contact point:**

SA Ombudsman

Toll free: 1800 182 150 Phone: 8226 8699

Email:ombudsman@ombudsman.sa.gov.au

www.ombudsman.sa.gov.au