PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2604
Centre name: Brahma Lodge Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Brahma Lodge Kindergarten
- Centre number: 2604
- Preschool Director: Kristin Bateman
- Postal address: 64 The Strand, Brahma Lodge 5109
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- DECS District: Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 19kms
- Enrolment/Attendance: Currently 35 enrolled in full time sessions
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone
- Programs operating
  - Pre Entry: Yes, integrated into the session times for children attending full time.
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: Yes.
  - Lunch/Full Day Program: Yes.
Bilingual Support
: Yes.

Preschool Support
: Yes.

Partnerships 21 status
: Yes.

2. **Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  1. Improvement in collecting data to improve children’s learning
  2. Sharing information with families regarding children’s learning

3. **Curriculum**

- Framework used
  : Early Years Learning Framework

- Core Values
  : Open Communication, Involving Families, Honesty, Respect, Listening, Team Work, Trust, Confidentiality.
  Feedback is valued as an opportunity to learn.

- Specific curriculum approaches
  : Play, small group activities, excursions are a regular part of children’s learning.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

4. **Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile
  : Director 0.6 PSD 1, Teacher 0.6, ECW 0.6
  Staff have taken on an additional 0.1 to facilitate the Universal Access.

- Performance Management Program
  : Individual staff members meet with the Director for Performance Management meetings. We collect feedback from students and families and review our staff team performance regularly.

- Access to special support staff
  : Currently the services of Speech Therapy, Psychologist and Social Worker from the Preschool Support Services are accessed by our kindergarten community.

- Other
  : The Early Intervention worker provides regular additional support for children’s learning.
5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:
  - The kindergarten consists of one main building containing a large room, wet area, toilets, small kitchen and small office.
  - A large verandah with clear blinds provides extra learning areas. The grounds are well fenced and maintained and provide interesting play areas for children. Several well-grown trees provide useful large areas of shade.

- Capacity (per session):
  - 30.

- Centre Ownership:
  - Governing Council.

- Access for children and staff with disabilities:
  - Depends on the needs of the person.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments):
  - At present there are children attending the centre who also speak Spanish, Chin, Indonesian, Dinka and Kirundi at home.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:
  - Parents participate in the kindergarten in a number of ways. The governing council consists of 6 parents and 1 staff. The director provides induction, encouragement and support for the governing council members in their roles as governing councillors.
  - Parents also have opportunities to assist with curriculum activities and excursions.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
  - The majority of children transfer to the closest public primary school – Brahma Lodge Primary School. Other children go to a range of public and private schools.