Centre number: 2604
Centre name: Brahma Lodge Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name
  : Brahma Lodge Kindergarten
- Centre number
  : 2604
- Preschool Director
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  : 64 The Strand, Brahma Lodge 5109
- Location address
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- DECS District
  : Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
  : 19kms
- Enrolment/Attendance
  : Currently 23 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.
2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
     1. Literacy and Numeracy improvement.
     2. Improving Children’s Attendance.

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used
     : SACSA and Transistioning into 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
     : Joint programmes include liaison with local primary school with visits to and from the Reception/Year 1 classes each term and transition visits for children to the local feeder schools.
     Playgroup operates at the centre on Friday mornings. Volunteer parents co-ordinate the playgroup.

4. **Centre Based Staff**
   - Staff Profile
     : Director 0.5 PSD 1, Teacher 0.5. (This is one of the sites in the First Round of Universal Access for 15 hours of Preschool for 4 year olds)
     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, locker area, toilets, small kitchen and small office. A large verandah space 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)
  : 27.

• 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 Chinese, Khmer, Arabic, Turkish and Urdu at home.

• Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  : Parents participate in the kindergarten in a number of ways. The governing council consists of 5 parents and 2 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.