



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 9/2/24

Centre number: 6624

Centre name: Jamestown Community Children's Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Tegan Carkle
- Postal address – 1A Cockburn Road, Jamestown SA 5491
- Location address – 1A Cockburn Road, Jamestown SA 5491
- DECD Partnership – Upper Mid North
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) – 217km by road to Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number -08 86641276
- Preschool website address: www.preschools.sa.gov.au/jamestown-community-childrens-ctr
- Preschool e-mail address dl.6624.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance

| • | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Enrolment | 38 | 37 | 32 | 32 | 28 |
| Attendance % | | | 91.8 | 89.4 | 88.4 |

- Co-located/stand-alone: with Jamestown Community School
- Programs operating at the preschool

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

✓ Long Day Care

✓ Lunch/Full Day Program

✓ Preschool Support

✓ Before and After Kindy Care

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Philosophy
Play is Our Work
Belong – Every child, family and educator is welcomed and valued
Discover – Every child, family and educator is on a unique learning journey
Grow – Dream big! Anything is possible...
Nothing without Joy

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values
 - Secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships
 - Partnerships with families
 - High expectations and equity
 - Respect for diversity
 - Ongoing learning and reflective practice
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Holistic approaches
 - Responsiveness to children
 - Learning through play
 - Intentional teaching
 - Learning Environments
 - Cultural Competence
 - Continuity of Learning and transitions
 - Assessment for Learning
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
 - Forest Kindy in terms 2 & 3

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - Director 1.0 FTE
 - Preschool Teacher 0.6 FTE
 - ECW 0.6 FTE
 - Assistant Director of Childcare 0.8 FTE

- Team Leader – Over 3's
- Team Leader – Under 3's
- Diploma Educators (permanent, contract and relief)
- Certificate III Educators (permanent, contract and relief)
- ECW support worker as required
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- Performance Management Program – Performance conversations with Line Manager every 6 months
- Access to special support staff – Preschool Support Early Childhood Workers based on needs)
- Other – contracted cleaner (daily and periodic)

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds – purpose-built children's centre (opened in 2013)
 - Large open space with low partition separating under and over 3's
 - Nature play elements in the outdoor learning environment
- Capacity (per session) – centre capacity is 56
- Centre Ownership – Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities – wheelchair accessible
- Other – co-located with Jamestown Community School which allows access and participation with and to the Community Library, School Stadium and other school facilities. Children are able to access the school buses if there are spaces available

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: Jamestown is a farming area with many associated businesses. Other industries include a timber mill and a development of small vineyards and olive plantations. The town is well serviced with a range of shops, facilities such as a hospital and medical centre. Most children speak English at home.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool – Governing Council and Management Committee, parents and staff meet regularly and they play an important role as they work closely with the Director in providing a high quality

education and care service There is strong family and community support for the centre.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool – Jamestown Community School, St James Catholic School, Spalding Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities – CAYHS, Bizzy Bugs (Kindergym), Story and Rhyme time (library program), Little Jimmies (playgroup at St James), Jamestown Community School, St James Catholic School, OHSC (at Jamestown Community School)
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities – supermarket, butcher, garden centre, bakery, newsagent, jeweller, car dealerships, insurance agencies, pharmacy, banks, clothing store, shoe shop, takeaway/coffee shops, furniture and electrical shop, hardware stores, tyre centres, crash repairer, hotels, motels, Christian bookshop, airstrip, hairdressers, craft and quilting store, optometrist, gift shop, beauticians
- Other local facilities – medical centre and hospital with visiting specialists, ambulance, dentist, police station, CFS, sporting clubs (including basketball, netball, football, tennis, cricket, golf, futsal and table tennis), library, gym, hydrotherapy pool, swimming pool, caravan park, churches, RSL, CWA, Apex, Probus, Aged Care Facility, park, Bundaleer Forest Picnic grounds (8km's from Jamestown)
- Availability of staff housing – private rental
- Accessibility – 2 ½ hours to Adelaide, ¾ hour to Port Pirie and Clare on good roads
- Local Government – Northern Areas Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
 - Jamestown Community Children's Centre and Jamestown Community School are part of the Upper Mid North Partnership with the Pirie Portfolio
 - Child care is funded through the Federal Government (DEEWR) and the Child Care Benefit applies.