Context Statement 2014

Centre Name - Prospect Kindergarten

Centre Number – 5661

District – DECD Eastern District

Co-located/Stand Alone – Stand alone

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General information

Prospect Kindergarten is a DECD (Department of Education and Child Development) preschool offering preschool sessions, occasional care and playgroup.

Capacity is a total of 85 with 44 per session.

The preschool program is a play-based program based on the EYLF (Early Years Learning Framework) with a full time Director, full time Teacher, .8 Teacher and two .5 ECW’s.

We are supported by 6 Bilingual and a ESL worker with about a dozen languages spoken. Fifty-five percent of our children are of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) families.

We have 13% of children referred to and supported through DECD Support Services for Speech, Language, Delays and Spectrum difficulties. We work closely with a number of agencies to provide integrated support and individual programs. We do, where capacity allows, support a limited early entry program for children with identified additional needs.

The Community is generally one of significant disadvantage – many are new arrivals, refugees, families in community detention, adults studying English and shift workers. Many are single parent families and isolated. Others are well supported within cultural groups with extended families. We also have a proportion of families of two parent homes and two income families.

The Kindergarten is locally managed with an enthusiastic Governing Council and staff team who consult, plan and direct our goals and achievements within DECD directions.

We work collaboratively with local childcare centres to support families using both childcare and preschool sessions. The Kindergarten works closely with about 25 local schools to support transition and successful school entry for children and families.

The centre is open between 8am and 4pm Monday to Thursday for Kindergarten. There is a real need for Kindergarten flexibility around parents studying, working in night employment, negotiating family day care and carers and then those in full time employment with children shared between kindergarten and childcare. Playgroup is held on Friday mornings 10 to 11.30am.

Morning, afternoon and full day sessions are available.

The Occasional Care program has 20 spaces for 2 to 4 year olds and is managed by two ECWs on Friday, between 9 and 11.30am.

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