PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 1582
Centre name: Gilles Plains Children’s Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Chris Markos
- Postal address - Beatty Ave, Hillcrest, 5086
- Location address - Beatty Ave, Hillcrest, 5086
- DECD Region – Northern Adelaide Region
- Geographical location – 10km from GPO
- Telephone number – 8261 3339
- Fax number – 8266 1471
- Preschool website address: www.gillesplainscc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.0146.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: 35 - 40
- Co-located/stand-alone
  Colocated with Gilles Plains Primary School
- Programs operating at the preschool
  ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children operate:
  Monday, Tuesday, Thursday AMs
  Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday PMs
  ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program is available:
  Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
  ❖ Bilingual Support is available for eligible children.
  ❖ Preschool Support is available for eligible children

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2. **Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

3. **Curriculum**

- Framework used:
  - National Early Years Learning Framework
  - Reflect, Respect, Relate

- Statement of Philosophy
  - Every child has the right to achieve their best in a safe, fun and respectful environment where play is valued as a process for learning.
  - Every child has the right to belong and their wellbeing is recognised as being vital to learning.
  - Children are capable and active participants in their learning.
  - Children are given opportunities to build real connections with the natural environment.
  - Learning environments are reflective of children’s interests and recognise every child is an individual with their own needs.
  - Partnerships with families are valued and fostered through communication.

Families are viewed as the most influential teacher in the early years.

4. **Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile
  - Director / Teacher  1.0 Band Leader A  5 year contract
  - Teacher  0.4  permanent
  - SSO  24.5hrs  permanent + top up hrs
  - SSO  6hrs  contract
  - PSS  as required
  - BLS  as required

- Performance Management Program
  - Related to priorities to support all staff to ensure continuous accountability and improvement.
• Access to special support staff
  Speech pathology, Disability Coordinator, Community Development Coordinator

5. **Centre Facilities**

• Buildings and grounds
  Large playroom with withdrawal room, verandah for outside activities and spacious outdoor learning environment. Access to community garden on the school campus.

• Capacity (per session) – 40 children

• Centre Ownership – Department for Education and Child Development

• Access for children and staff with disabilities – wheelchair access for children and adults.

• Children’s Centre building provides facility for group activities and two consultation rooms.
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:**
  In 2014 25% of enrolled children are either culturally or linguistically diverse (CALD), 8% identify as Aboriginal, 13% have identified additional needs.

- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
  Families are welcome and encouraged to participate in the program.

- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
  Main schools children transition to are:
  - Gilles Plains Primary
  - Hillcrest Primary
  - Cedar College

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**
  Colocated with North East Community Children’s Centre

- **Other local facilities**
  Gilles Plains Children’s Centre is located at a multi-agency community campus including:
  - Gilles Plains Primary School
  - North East Community Children’s Centre
  - GP Plus Gilles Plains Hillcrest
  - Maringga Turtpandi Health Service
  - North East Community Assistance Project

- **Accessibility**
  Access is from North East Road

- **Local Government**
  Port Adelaide / Enfield

- **Community Support and Engagement**
  The Community Development Coordinator (CDC) manages a range of programs for parents/carers and children 0 – 5 years including: playgroups, baby bounce, parent support groups and parenting courses. A Term program outlines all available programs and services.