

Keith War Memorial Community Kindergarten and Childcare Centre is a rural integrated children's service that operates under the Department for Education and Child Development. The Centre offers a part-time DECD Preschool program, before and after kindy care, casual and permanent long day care for 0-5 year olds and an Out of Hours School Care program for children aged 5-12 years. The centre operates for 50 weeks of the year.

For further information:

[www.acecqa.gov.au](http://www.acecqa.gov.au)

*Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority including National Quality Framework and National Quality Standards, assessment and rating information*

[www.education.gov.au](http://www.education.gov.au) *Information about the Early Years Learning Framework 'Belonging, Being and Becoming' and the School Aged Framework 'My Time, Our Place'.*

[www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

*Department for Education and Child Development South Australia.*

[www.keithkgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.keithkgn.sa.edu.au)

*For basic information relating to our site*

### How you can support quality improvement at your centre:

- Provide feedback to Educators
- Provide feedback via the annual Preschool Parent Opinion survey
- Join the Governing Council or one of the sub-committees
- Respond to educator's comments contained in your child's profile book and summative reports
- Ask to read a more detailed copy of the Quality Improvement Plan held at the centre
- Attend centre events to help build a stronger sense of community collaboration
- Discuss concerns and issues with the Director, Callie Manser
- If you still have concerns you can talk with the Governing Council appointed Grievance Officer Michelle Goldsmith or consult DECD Regional Office on 08 85325065. If you feel there still hasn't been a resolution, you can contact the DECD Parent Complaints Unit on 1800 677 435.

*"If you're happy tell a friend, if you're not happy.....please tell us!"*

**We can only improve with feedback from our valued community.**

# Quality Improvement Plan



Keith War Memorial Community Kindergarten and Childcare Centre

## 2017

**"Our philosophy drives our work together and the future direction of our service"**

**Our Mission** is to provide high quality education and care.

**Our Vision** is to support families to give all children the best start in life.



**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Education and Child Development

## Quality Improvement Plan - 2017

Our Quality Improvement Plan for 2017 focuses on how to achieve our site goals aligned with the Tatiara Wrattonbully Partnership and the Department for Education and Child Development (DECD). Strategies for identified improvement are detailed under National Quality Standard Areas. The service was last rated in 2014 as "Exceeding" in all seven quality areas. The 2017 plan focuses on building on current good practice and identifying areas for future improvement.

### **Quality Area 1: Educational Program and Practice**

- To engage and extend all children in rich and meaningful learning experiences through play
- A continued focus on "Playful Pedagogies" and "STEM" learning made visible through a play based and inquiry curriculum.

*Playful Pedagogies is a whole partnership approach to teaching and learning in the early years. This includes bookmaking, loose parts play and story tables. STEM is Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.*

### **Quality Area 3: Physical Environment**

- Improvements surrounding our 'big tree' in the back yard to include more soft fall play areas for climbing equipment and adventurous loose parts play.
  - **Quality Area 4: Staffing Arrangements**
- Continued commitment to improvement and critical reflection. Engagement with partnership priorities including supporting oral language development in the early years

### **Quality Area 5: Relationships with Children**

- Deepen understanding of children's emotional regulation to continue to develop and support strong relationships

### **Quality Area 6: Collaborative Partnerships with Families and Communities**

- Engage children with the wider community including Keith Area School, local businesses and people in community groups
- Parent workshops responsive to interest areas in collaboration with other services.

### **The Improvement Cycle**

All early childhood and care services in Australia are assessed under the National Quality Standard, governed by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority.

To ensure that Keith War Memorial Community Kindergarten and Childcare Centre meets or exceeds these standards, all team members, the leadership team along with the Governing Council are engaged in continuous improvement to provide high quality care and education for children using the service.

Each year the staff and Governing Council review progress against the targets set within the Quality Improvement Plan. Strengths and achievements are celebrated and new priorities are identified to ensure an ongoing commitment to improvement.