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**KEITHCOT FARM  
CHILDREN'S CENTRE**  
*for Early Childhood Development and Parenting*

**CONTEXT STATEMENT**

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## **Introduction**

Keithcot Farm Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting is an integrated early childhood service in which Early Childhood Educators, Allied Health, Community Development Professionals, families and the local community - work together to meet the needs of families and children.

We offer the State Funded Preschool Program integrated with the Commonwealth funded Long Day Care for children from birth to school entry. Keithcot Farm Children's Centre is co-located with Keithcot Farm Primary School and Kings Baptist Grammar School at 5 Keithcot Farm Drive, Wynn Vale. The Centre is part of the Golden Way Partnership of the Department for Education and Child Development and located within the Northern Community Team Health Service and the state-wide Child and Youth Health Service.

## **General Information**

Director Early Childhood Education and Care: **Anne Whittleston**.

Centre Number: 4631

NQS Service Approval Number: Preschool SE- 00010523

NQS Service Approval Number: Long Day Care SE- 00010524

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**Centre Programs:** childcare (birth to school entry), sessional preschool, between session care, support for children with additional needs, transition to school program and cross age programs with Keithcot Farm Primary School.

Parenting and educational programs, to support children's development and health.

Health and nutrition programs, including health checks by the Child and Youth Health Service.

The Keithcot Farm Children's Centre works with the community to provide high quality integrated education and care services in a safe and accessible environment that meet the needs of children aged from birth to school entry and their families. We support children and families to achieve the best possible learning, health and wellbeing outcomes in a universal setting with targeted responses for children and families who require additional support.

**We do this by:**

- Focusing on the individual child and their family
- Assessing the needs of children and families and providing appropriate support
- Utilising community resources to build community capacity
- Providing access to a range of flexible and inclusive services
- Providing professional leadership
- Being a central focus for information to parents about parenting and local services
- Empowering community members to be involved in the Centres decision making processes.

**Outcomes for Keithcot Farm Children's Centre**

- Children have optimal health and development
- Parents provide strong foundation for their children's healthy development and wellbeing
- Communities are child and family friendly
- Aboriginal children are safe, healthy, culturally strong and confident

**We have a range of Policies that support the achievement of our purpose.**

**Curriculum**

We use the national Early Years Learning Framework as the basis for planning, monitoring and reporting on children's learning. Our children's learning program is child oriented and play based within a high quality learning environment that integrates all aspects of children's learning in a holistic approach.

Play is the central mode of learning and the experiences provided and developed contribute to the achievement of successful learning outcomes for all children, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.

We provide accessible and equitable high quality learning and care programs for children and connect with a range of health and community based services and programs. Our visiting and transition program to Keithcot Farm School provides ongoing continuity of learning for children into the first years of school.

## **Staff Profile**

Director Early Childhood Education and Care

Assistant Director

Degree trained Early Childhood Educators

Diploma trained Early Childhood Educators

Certificate 3 trained Early Childhood Educators.

Community Development Coordinator

Allied Health: Occupational Therapist

Allied Health: Speech pathologist

Admin Officer

Cook

Access to Health and Family Support Services

Access to support services for children with additional needs

## **Facilities and Children's Learning Environment**

Keithcot Farm is a modern facility with integrated child care and preschool facilities, co-located with Keithcot Farm Primary School.

The outdoor learning environment is supportive of children's needs and there are undercover areas and shade from maturing trees.

The building is air-conditioned. Car parking facilities are minimal.

We are licensed for 92 children (including 15 children under 2) at any one time and have access for children and staff with disabilities.

The Centre is owned by the Department for Education and Child Development.

## **Centre Operations**

Keithcot Farm Children's Centre Governing Council has oversight of the strategic directions of the Centre, the financial management of the Centre and the employment of childcare staff.

Centre Staff work with the Governing Council and have oversight of the daily operations and management of the centre programs and services.

Volunteers are encouraged to support the programs and services of the Centre and to contribute to the decisions made about the Centre.

## **Local Community**

General characteristics include:

- 12% housing trust throughout Golden Grove development
- a significant number of two income families who rely on child care
- Local primary schools and high schools
- Golden Grove Village Shopping Centre, Recreation Centre, and Sunnybrook Medical Centre.
- Commercial/industrial zone