

## Site Context 2022

Kilkenny Preschool is a Department for Education preschool located on the Kilkenny Primary School campus. The preschool has developed strong relationships with the school community and children are involved in an extensive transition process to school, attend assemblies, special days such as sports day, are assigned buddies, and access school resources such as the library. This relationship enables children and their families to be members of the school community right from their preschool year to Year 6. Within the past 5 years, over 90% of students have gone on to attend Kilkenny Primary School. Together with the school we work towards our students being Powerful Learners and children are encouraged to contribute to key attributes of what makes a Powerful Learner.

The preschool is governed by the Kilkenny Primary School Governing Council. Preschool families are invited to attend the AGM and become a member of the Governing Council. Policies are reviewed and approved every three years, or where significant change takes place, by the Governing Council.

We operate in accordance to the DfE school terms throughout the year and under the DfE policy the Preschool is entitled to 4 pupil free days per year. We have two groups and at the time of enrolment, parents choose the group they prefer. Depending on availability, children are allocated as closely as possible to these preferences.

- Group A: Monday, Tuesday 8:45 to 3:15, alternate Fridays 8:45 to 12:45 [odd term weeks]
- Group B: Wednesday, Thursday 8:45 to 3:15, alternate Fridays 8:45 to 12:45 [even term weeks]

Kilkenny Preschool is a proud partner of the Paint the Westside REaD program. This program is a joint initiative of the Department of Education preschools, children's centres and schools in the Inner West Partnership, The City of Charles Sturt and Uniting SA. This literacy program aims to promote the importance of reading, talking, singing, rhyming and playing with children every day from birth. The mascot, Lizzie the Literacy Lizard, shares a monthly message about ways families and educators can support children's literacy development and we use these messages within our program. We also promote Paint the Westside REaD events and holiday programs that Lizzie is involved in. Every child will receive a Lizzie Library Bag when they begin preschool and will be able to borrow from our swap box daily, as well as the school library fortnightly.