



Our service is a recognised Universal Access provider and can support your child's education and learning through our high quality program led by a degree qualified Early Childhood Teacher who uses the National Early Years Learning Framework.

Universal Access is a program administered by the Department for Education to provide quality early childhood education to all children in the year before they begin school.

A Universal Access kindergarten provides flexible session options to cater for families' needs and adheres to the same requirements as a stand-alone Department for Education kindergarten.



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Gowrie SA  
**Underdale**  
Universal Access  
Kindergarten Program



### Session Details

Children are eligible for 5 sessions per week under the Universal Access Program.

### Kindergarten Sessions

Monday - Thursday  
Session 1: 9am - 12pm  
Session 2: 12.30pm - 3.30pm  
Friday Session 1: 9am - 12pm


Please contact us for further information regarding fees, enrolment, and session times.

Join us on Facebook and Instagram at 'gowriesa' to stay connected with news and events



Did you know that your child is eligible for fifteen (15) hours per week of kindergarten in the year prior to school?





## Benefits of enrolling in our Universal Access Funded kindergarten

- Research shows attending 15 hours per week of a high quality, teacher-led educational program before the age of 5, positively impacts outcomes for children.
- We offer several ways to combine our kindergarten and Long Day Care sessions through the week to support your family's care needs.
- Already accessing long day-care here? Staying for kindergarten means fewer transitions for your child before school, which supports wellbeing and a deeper learning experience over time.
- Keep family drop off and pick up routines in one easy location as siblings access long day care.
- You and your child can feel comfortable with the familiarity of our environments, your existing Primary Care relationships, and your connections within the Gowrie SA Community.



## What makes Kindergarten at Gowrie SA unique?

- Our philosophy is one of inclusion and planning for the individual child.
- Our kindergarten program is informed by EYLF (Version 2.0) and Foundation stage of the National Australian Curriculum.
- We adhere to the same curriculum requirements and quality standards as stand-alone Department for Education kindergartens.
- Degree qualified Early Childhood Teachers plan and deliver each kindergarten session.
- We intentionally plan for Literacy and Numeracy outcomes, and the Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum.
- We raise the challenge for children during their kindergarten year, so that along with individual planning and regular Learning Stories, their contributions shape our inquiry projects.
- Children's interests and developmental needs form the basis of the program, with their input.
- Children are supported to develop autonomy and self-help skills, in a setting that positions them as responsible members of a community, and who will be well-prepared for school.



- Reconciliation and Kaurna language learning with our local Elders Kauwanu Ivan and Kauwanu Tamaru are a key component of the program.
- Our River Kindy program supports children to become active citizens as they learn and play in natural spaces along our local waterway - Karrowirra Pari (Torrens River).
- In their final term before school, children receive a Statement of Learning and Kindergarten Learning Journey Book to document and celebrate their year of learning in kindergarten.

