PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6520

Centre name: Kingston Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
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  SA 5275

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- Preschool website address
  : www.

- DECD region
  : SECAV South East Coast and Vines

- Geographical location – i.e. road distance from GPO (km)
  : 297km South east of Adelaide
• **Enrolment/Attendance**
  : Kindy 20 in 2015

  Rural Care is Long Day Child Care taking 4 Preschool age and under with additional 3 school age children

• **Co-located/stand-alone**
  : Integrated service with preschool and rural care

• **Programs operating**
  □ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children and Universal Access
    : Children attend all day Tuesday and Thursday in Week 1 and then all day Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Week 2
  □ Lunch for the preschool and rural care programs.
  □ Preschool Support when necessary
  □ Early Intervention for at risk children
  □ Rural Care operates Monday – Friday 8am-1pm and 1pm -6pm 50 weeks per year
  □ After School Hours Care
  □ Vacation Care

## 2. **Key Centre Policies**

• **Statement of Purpose**

  Our Vision is our Motto is-*Growing, learning and playing together*.

  We aim to extend and enrich children’s learning in partnership with children, families and community to provide a high quality, accessible, relevant play based education and care program in a safe and secure environment that meets the needs of all families.

  We are committed to providing a relevant play based curriculum for all children with the opportunity to expand their experiences of life in a productive, safe environment that allows each child the right to safety, tolerance, self expression, cultural identity and dignity.
We believe it is equally important to listen to the understanding that each family has for the belonging, being and becoming of their children. We do this by striving to work closely in partnerships with families and listening intently to families in order to understand family perspectives, support family aspirations and plan for equitable outcomes.

We will learn about the communities that we work within and enact curriculum programs which are responsive to those contexts and community priorities.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework

- Specific curriculum approaches
  : Project based and Inquiry based learning and Reggio Emilia inspired approaches and dispositional learning

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  : Star of the Day
  Family Journals
  Literacy and numeracy packs
  Book Library

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  : Director PSD2 0.6
  Teacher 0.5 Contract
  Preschool Support Worker ECW1 employed on a needs basis
  3 ECW2 Rural Care workers 27.5 hours per week

- Performance Management Program
  : All staff are involved in regular performance management linked to the quality improvement plan.

- Access to special support staff
  : Inclusive Directions, DECD Disabilities support staff; Lady Gowrie; Naracoorte Community Health-Speech, Occupational Therapist, Dietician, Incontinence Nurse, Child and Youth Health.

- Other
  : Other community services are accessed as required. For example Anglicare, Mental Health Nurse
5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  - The building had a major upgrade in 2007 to licensing standards for rural care. A new shade shelter was built outside in 2008. The shed storage was upgraded in 2009. In 2013 Interactive whiteboard was purchased. In 2014 a major redevelopment of the front yard including native plantings, stringy bark branch, stepping stones, rock pit, and teatree garden archway and seat was built. A new cubby house in the backyard garden was built at the end 2014.
  - All play areas are shared.
  - All staff use one food preparation area.
  - The centre has one Governing Council that meets monthly to discuss the Centre programs, budgets and policies that reflect the priorities of our Centre and community.

- Capacity (per session)
  - 34 children

- Centre Ownership
  - DECD

- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  - Wheel chair access via ramp and toilet facilities.

- Other
  - Centre equipement is modern, well equipped and up to date. Each year there is a priority of upgrading a certain curriculum area.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  - Kingston is geographically isolated from major centres. The town's population is 1500 people in a wider rural setting of 2000. Farming, fishing, tourism, viticulture, retail and government structure are main areas of employment. There are some at risk families from low socio-economic backgrounds. A small percentage of children at the centre are from Aboriginal and Asian backgrounds.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  - Parents are encouraged to involved in the centre in a range of ways that enables access and participation in a variety of levels. Most parents stay at drop off time and work with their children. Parents volunteers run the Playgroup on Monday mornings.
  - A strong parent involvement in Governing Council. It has a membership of 11 and meets monthly.
• Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  : Kingston Community School- Reception to Year 12
• Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
  : Child and Youth Health Centre
      Kingston Community School
      Baby bounce at the Kingston Library
      Playgroup in Schools
      Mothers Group
• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  : 2 supermarket facilities
      Small industrial complex
      2 Motels and 2Hotels
      Caravan park
• Other local facilities,
  : Newly built Medical centre- 2 Doctors and visiting specialists, Hospital,
    Community Health, Retirement Village, Senior Citizens, Dentist, 18 hole
    Golf course, Tennis, Netball, Football, Bowls, Table tennis, Darts, and Little
    Athletics
• Availability of staff housing
  : Houses and units available for sale or rental
• Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres,
  : Daily public transport to Adelaide and Mt Gambier by bus
    Good roads to Adelaide, Naracoorte and Mt Gambier
• Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications
  describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of
  involvement
  : Kingston District Council
      29 Holland Street
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7. Further Comments

The service is a part of the local partnership group South East Coast and
Vines.
A Kindy/school Transition group meets each term to discuss the transition
of preschool children into school