



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 5/4/2019

Centre number: 3683

Centre name: Seaford CampusK-7 Campus Preschool

1. General information

- Preschool Director : Heather Morony
- Postal address : 39 Jane Street, Port Noarlunga South 5167
- Location address: as above (located on the same site as the Seaford Campus School)
- DfE Partnership: River Hub Partnership
- Geographical location – 40 km from CBD. Located in the suburb of Port Noarlunga South and between Commercial Road and before Seaford Road
- Telephone number : 83272280
- Fax number : 83863745 (the school fax number)
- Preschool website address: www.seafordareakgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address : dl.3683leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
Enrolment numbers over the last 5 years have fluctuated between 60 and 77 children. As a category 1 centre in 2019 our numbers are capped at 70. Attendance has fluctuated, however there has been an improvement with numbers attending-especially on Friday mornings when numbers in previous years were often low).
- Co-located with Seaford K-7 Campus School (Seaford Primary School)

- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Sessional kindergarten for eligible children (2 groups: Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday –with each attending alternate Friday mornings)
 - Playgroup on Friday mornings is called ‘Family Connections’ and is offered alongside the kindergarten program
 - Lunch/Full Day Program
 - Bilingual Support- can be offered
 - Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Both our Philosophy and Priorities are available to read in our Quality Improvement Plan (reviewed and updated annually)
- A Policy Folder is available for families and staff and includes the following policies:
 - Behaviour Support
 - Hotweather
 - Medical and Health
 - Collection and Attendance
 - Priority of Access
 - SunSmart
 Along with a selection of DfE Policies and Procedures

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework (Belonging Being Becoming)
- Core Values- we celebrate child centred learning, caring and curiosity
- Specific curriculum approaches: Implementation Guidelines for Indicators of Preschool Numeracy and Literacy, the Respect Reflect Relate document as a

tool, Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum and the 'You Can Do It' program(our kindy has a focus on learning dispositions).

- Our priorities are further explained in our QIP (Quality Improvement Plan) which is reviewed annually. In our kindergarten's educational program, the priorities include:
 1. Supporting children's literacy -especially focussing on oral language.
 2. Focussing on children's learning dispositions using the Respect Reflect Relate tool.
 3. Numeracy

Our kindergarten is continuing it's development of our outdoor learning environment to ensure a wide range of learning opportunities for numeracy, literacy, exploration, creativity and problem solving. There is a focus on nature play and in developing a strong connection and respect for the environment. This includes embedding sustainable practices in the kindy that will extend and support the home environment.

The learning environment is one which challenges, engages and stretches children as our team of educators work in partnership with families to implement a play- based curriculum.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 1.0 Director
 - 1.0 Teacher and a .4 Teacher (Universal Access)
 - 2.0 .5 Early Child Workers plus further Early Assistance and Preschool Support top ups(enabling us to have over 2 .5 fulltime Early Childhood Workers)Part time Finance Worker
- Performance Management Program

All staff meet with the Director twice per year

- Access to special support staff :
The Department for Education provides additional support - the support personnel includes Special Educators, Psychologists Speech Pathologists and Social Workers.
- Preschool Support and Bilingual Assistance is available if required.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Our kindergarten is situated on the same site as the Seaford K- 7 Birth to Year 7 Campus School (Seaford Primary School). Being co-located enables opportunities for both the kindergarten and the school to work closely together. Our indoor learning environment is spacious with lovely natural lighting. There are areas to enable separate smaller group times.
Improvements have been made to the outdoor learning environment to incorporate a strong focus on children being connected with and engaged with nature. This includes native gardens, a mudpit and a butterfly garden.
- Capacity
currently, as a Category 1 site, there is a capacity of 30 children on Monday and Tuesday and 40 children on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Centre Ownership is DfE (Department for Education)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
There is a Disability Carpark and access to a Disability Toilet

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:

The kindergarten is situated in the Onkaparinga Council, near the southern beaches in a growing outer metropolitan suburb. The majority of families using the preschool are Anglo Saxon- however we also have Aboriginal, South African and a small number of families from other nationalities attending.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:

Kindergarten staff work in close partnership with families. There is a joint Governing Council with the school. During term time a playgroup, called *Family Connections*, operates at the same time as the Friday morning kindy. Family Connections is a popular program and often families attend when their children may be starting kindy the following year.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:

A large proportion of our children will continue through into the school that we are situated with (Seaford K-7 Campus School). A range of other schools include Moana Primary, All Saints Catholic School, Port Noarlunga Primary, Old Noarlunga Primary, McLaren Vale Primary and Seaford Rise Primary

- Other local care and educational facilities:

Seaford Early Learning Centre

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:

There is a range of shopping available in several nearby locations- in Seaford Meadows, Seaford Rise, Port Noarlunga South and Seaford

- Other local facilities:

Sporting clubs, the Eucamenical Centre, A community Centre and various medical facilities are available

- Accessibility

Both bus and train services

Local Government:

Onkaparinga Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

Our kindergarten is one of 4 kindergartens and 6 schools in our area that work closely together in a supportive partnership. The River Hub Partnership has a strong focus on resilience, literacy and numeracy.