PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6520

Centre name: Kingston Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Kingston Kindergarten
- Centre number: 6520
- Preschool Director: Ann Ling
- Postal address: PO Box 401 Kingston SE SA 5275
- Location address: 32 Cameron Street Kingston SE SA 5275
- Telephone number: 87672368
- Fax number: 87673005
- DECS District: Limestone Coast
- Geographical location-Road distance from GPO (km): 297km
- Staffing Numbers: 4
- Enrolment /Attendance: 21 eligible preschoolers
- Co-located/stand alone: Stand alone Preschool with Rural Care Child care
- Programs operating:
  - Pre Entry: Is offered when centre has capacity to do so.
  - Sessional Kindergarten: for eligible children operates Tuesdays and Thursdays full day every week
Universal Access for eligible children is offered as a full day Wednesday on the even weeks throughout the term.

Early Entry programs are offered due to individual needs of the children. 3 year old entry for Aboriginal children as per DECD enrolment policy.

Lunch care program

Is available to up to 13 children at an extra charge each term.

Playgroup- This Service operates on Monday mornings and is parent volunteer run. It operates when kindergarten in not operating. Up to 20 families attend.

Preschool support- Offered to children with additional needs that have been identified.

Rural Bus Access- Children access the school bus if spaces are available.

Transition to School- the children have approx 4 visits to the school in their last term at kindy, prior to starting school.

Children’s Library and Literacy & Numeracy Packs- Children are able to borrow from the library and literacy packs for no additional cost.

Rural Care- Is Long Day Child Care with After School Hours Care. It runs Monday to Fridays 8am – 6pm for 50 weeks per year. This is a fully Accredited program and was rated in good to high quality areas.

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre priorities for 2013
Numeracy
Literacy
Sustainability

3. Curriculum

Framework used National Early Years Learning Framework since 2010

: The centre uses the EYLF framework in relation to informing parents of the integrated nature of Learning Areas and Outcomes. Curriculum overviews are provided to each family and individual learning plans for each child.

Core Values
We are committed to working in partnership with our children, families, community and staff to provide a high quality relevant and responsive education and care programme to all children. The preschool will develop skills:

- That will equip children for life long learning and develop a positive self concept.
- Promote the understanding tolerance and acceptance of others through the provision of an accessible, inclusive play based programme.
• Developing confident and independent learners in a safe, caring and positive environment.

Specific Curriculum approaches
The program is based on the individual needs, strengths and interests of each child. Outcomes and monitored and recorded for reporting to families, the local school and the community. There is a strong emphasis on the development of literacy, numeracy, social skills and well being.

Improved access and participation for Aboriginal children attending the centre. There is 3 year old Early Years Literacy funding available to support Aboriginal children

Antibias curriculum to ensure tolerance, acceptance and celebration of diversity and the right to be respected irrespective of gender, culture or ability.

Early Intervention Program supports children at risk with Literacy and Numeracy learning by providing additional staff at the centre to be able to undertake early identification and small group support.

• Star of the Day program celebrates each individual child and families story of who they are.

4. Centre Based Staff

• Staff Profile (Status, classification/award, employment details)
  : Currently 4 staff, consisting of Director, PSD 2, Teacher, and 2 Rural Care Workers. Early intervention worker is employed on a needs basis.

• Performance Management
  Induction process implemented for all new staff
  Performance cycle annually and takes into account centre and personal directions. Critical reflection and review processes are flexible to meet the needs of individual staff. Staff are encouraged to develop further their skills through Training and Development:

• Access to special support staff
  : Department special services are accessed as required as well as other community services.
  • Community Health Speech therapist visits fortnightly

• Other
  : Kindergarten is Category 2

5. Centre Facilities

• Buildings and grounds
  : The centre is situated in Cameron Street and has a major upgrade of facilities during 2006/2007. The building consists of one large Main room, a new Office, Kitchen, Art sink Storeroom, Withdrawal/ Sleep area,
Bathroom with change facility, and Disabled Adult and Shower facility. The Playground leads off the main verandah and has been recently been redeveloped as part of our site learning plan.

- **Capacity**
  : 35 children

- **Centre Ownership**
  : Department owned

- **Specialist Facilities**
  :
  - Access for children and staff with disabilities
    : Wheelchair access via ramp
    : Disable toilet facilities

- **Access to bus transport (eg. Centre bus, community bus)**
  : School bus delivers rural children to centre

- **Other**
  :

6. **Local Community**

- **General characteristics: (e.g. work, languages, culture)**
  : Kingston is geographically isolated from major centres. The town is growing due to the availability of employment. The town’s population is 2200 people. Farming, fishing, tourism, viticulture, retail and government structure are main areas of employment.

- **Parent and Community involvement**
  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 and play and learn at drop off time with their children. Parents run Playgroup.
  There is a strong parent involvement in Governing Council. It has a membership of up to 12 and meets twice a term at the centre.

- **Feeder schools/pre-schools/care/OSHC**
  Kingston Community School

  Other local care and educational facilities
  - Child and Youth Health Centre,
    Community School are available

- **Commercial/Industrial and Shopping Facilities**
Adequate shopping facilities
Small industrial complex
Motels/Hotels
Caravan park

- Other local facilities
  - Hospital
  - Community health
  - Dentist
  - 18 hole Golf course
  - Tennis
  - Netball
  - Football
  - Bowls
  - Table tennis

- Accessibility (e.g. public transport – air)
  : Daily public transport to Adelaide and Mount Gambier

- Local Government body
  : District Council of Kingston 87672033

- Special Focus
  : Nil

7. Further Comments

- Partnership/cooperation/arrangements with other groups
  : The Director participates regularly in meetings and staff development with the Limestone Coast Leaders Group usually at Naracoorte. Two meetings are held per term.