



Kindy Dictionary

Address:

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Allergies :

If your child has allergies you must include specific information in your enrolment form and MUST provide us with a medical plan from your GP.

Car park:

DECD only provide car parking for Children's Centre staff. There is street parking on Greenlees Parade, and along the surrounding roads. It is a busy, risky time, so please take extra care with safety. It is best for children to hold your hand and especially younger siblings.

There are 2 designated disabled car parks, if you need one.

Early Years Learning

Framework:

Our planning reflects the needs of the children using the Being, Belonging and Becoming the Early Years Learning Framework document.

Facebook:

Our centre has 2 Facebook pages, one page for our whole centre and one is a closed group specifically for our kindergarten families – ABCC2018. We know that not everyone uses Facebook but we have found it helps us with communication. There is no pressure to join.

Fees:

The kindy fees are \$355.00 for the year. This can be paid at the centre or online. You will receive an invoice in your child's pocket by week 4 of term 1. This will explain where and how to pay. We ask for an upfront fee of \$50 which covers excursions and your child's named colour coded hat for their kindy learning group.

Floorbooks:

We display your child's learning in Floorbooks, these can be found in kindy and promote reflection from both staff and children. The floorbooks are linked to the EYLF.

Fun Fridays:

To ensure your child receives their eligible 15 hours a week we have 7 Fun Fridays across the year, 2 in term 1-3 and 1 in term 4. These are often excursions outdoors and sometimes special incursions. You will be given the dates for these to help with your planning. The kindy day is still 8.30-3.15.

Hats:

To be sun safe we wear hats in terms 1, 3 & 4. Without a hat, children have to play inside. We need every family to purchase a hat. They are colour coordinated to your child's learning group and so help to build belonging and help us to be safe on excursions. We will organise for hats to be named. It is your responsibility to keep them clean. Hats can be paid for at transition visits using the envelope system. This is cash only.



Helpers:

If you would like to help in the kindy sharing a skill or supporting children, reading stories, gardening, cooking or with excursions please let us know ☐ All helpers need to have DCSI police clearance. Please see one of our staff to organise this for you. If you already have a DCSI clearance, please show the original to Fiona or Leigh so we can keep a copy for our records.

Illness:

If your child is unwell please keep them home from Kindy. We would appreciate it if you notify us of your child's absence by phone, Facebook, or email.

Kindy Bag:

We encourage children to carry their own bag into Kindy in the morning and place it in their learning group locker.

They will need:

- a drink bottle,
- full change of clothes
- 2 pieces of fruit or snack and lunch.

We help them learn to be organised and responsible to look after their belongings. We call it being Oscar Organised! Please name everything!

Learning Groups:

In order to build relationships with you and your child we have learning groups. These groups have a designated teacher for the whole year. This helps us to build a stronger relationship and delve into deeper learning with your child, and to monitor their learning too. Each learning group has a colour.

Medication:

If your child requires medication while at Kindy eg Ventolin or antibiotics, the medication needs to be sent to Kindy in its original packaging prescribed for your Kindy child and the appropriate forms filled out and signed by a parent. Forms are available from the front desk. Medication must be given to a staff member NOT left in your child's bag.





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Nature Play:

Our philosophy is grounded in nature play, we climb trees, build with branches and recycled materials and enjoy nature. This means we get muddy, wet and dirty – please don't send your child in precious clothes! Children often get messy as they learn at Kindy. We have special all weather cover suits and gum boots for the children to use.

Nut Free:

Aldinga Beach Children's Centre is totally NUT FREE

Nutrition:

We believe our children learn better from eating healthy and natural foods. We encourage you to pack 2 pieces of fruit for our sip and crunch times, and a healthy option for lunch time. If children see everyone else eating healthy foods together they can support each other to eat well. We cannot heat food. It's great to have less packaging wherever possible. We only drink water at kindy.

Parent Committee:

We have a parent committee which we encourage you to join. It's a terrific way to support our centre and be involved in decision making.

Pockets:

Each child has their own communication pocket located opposite the entry doors to Kindy. These pockets will be one of the ways we communicate with you. We will put newsletters, notes, invoices, excursion notes, information sheets and other important documents in these pockets so please check them regularly.

Policies and Procedures:

Are available in our Policy folder, which is kept in the Kindy

Portfolios:

Each child will have their own portfolio. This is a folder that contains records of their learning. The children love these and are proud to show them off. This portfolio will show your child's learning during the year. At the end of the year it is given to your child to keep.

Smoking:

There is no smoking on DECD sites, this includes the car park area.

Staff:

Jane Moore – Director
Leigh Simmons – Administration
Fiona Brown – Kindy Team Leader
Mel Barwick – Teacher
Alex Schulz – Teacher
Alinta Grund - Teacher
Sue Morton - ECW
Leah Thiele – ECW
Natalie Thompson – ECW
Melissa Beezley – ECW
Davina Mickan - ECW
Nicole Kahl – ECW
Mela Hoffman – ECW
Tracey Hill – Family Services Coordinator
Lauren Jew – Community Development Coordinator
Tara Allen – Speech Pathologist
Huong Nguyen – Occupational Therapist
Lisa Poolman – Finance Officer



Times:

The Kindy day begins at 8:30
If you arrive early at Kindy please read a story together in our Piazza or have a play on one of the school playgrounds while staff organise the space and set up for the day.
A staff member will open the Kindy door at 8.30. Please sign your child in and let them do their jobs.
Lunch is at 11:30, children will eat with their learning group and teacher. For safety, children will sit down while eating.
Children can use the school canteen for lunch orders.
Kindy finishes at 3:15. Children will be dismissed by a staff member from the "meeting place" room. Please line up and chat to others as you wait. It is a great chance to get to know other families. Please be patient, it can take a while!

Vision and Values

We work collaboratively with the school to create a strong sense of community. We share the vision of **"creating a learning community, where we work together, to be the best we can be"**

Our centre values:



WELCOME!

We are so pleased you chose our centre. We look forward to working with you.