



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated 2/2022

Centre number: 3603

Centre name: Aldinga Community Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director Mrs Janine Ryan
- Postal address PO Box 1013, Aldinga Beach SA 5173
- Location address 63 Butterworth Road, Aldinga Beach SA 5173
- DECS partnership Southern Sea and Vines
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 45kms
- Telephone number (08) 8556 5483
- Fax number (08) 8557 7879
- Preschool website address: www.aldingakgn.sa.edu.au

Preschool e-mail address dl.3603.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolments –

65 – 110 children

Co-located/stand-alone.

Stand-alone

Programs operating at the preschool

- Site funded Speech and Language programme for identified children
- Early Intervention Program
- We are a Universal preschool children can access 15 hours of preschool a week for the 4 year old program
- Children who identify as ATSI or are under the care of the minister can start preschool at 3. While 3 they can access 12 hours a week which increases to 15 hours a week once they are in the four year old program.
- Before Kindy Care is offered from 8.30am – 9.00am each morning. (current charge \$2.50/ morning)
- Emergency care can be offered in extreme circumstances where no other options are available to a family in crisis and for a short period of time.
- Childcare is offered at Childcare centre next door.

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Monday to Thursday Full day 9.00am – 3pm

Children attend 5 full days (30 hours) a fortnight

Bilingual Support

If required and bi-lingual worker available

Preschool Support

Preschool support provided for eligible children

Our Vision

To work in partnerships with the parent community and local schools, to provide a high quality, safe, supportive play based learning environment and to achieve high quality learning outcomes for every child.

Our Priorities are:

- 1 Continuous improvement in children's learning to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students
- 2 To continue to develop children's wellbeing. To encourage positive self esteem, resilience, confidence, persistence and growth mindsets.
3. Fostering learning through nature - based play and exploring the outdoor environment
5. Curriculum focus on developing childrens thinking to problem solve, research and hypothesis.
6. Developing oral language

3. Curriculum

Framework used:

The National Early Years Framework *Being, Belonging and Becoming*

Core Values

We value and provide:

Quality teaching

Quality learning environment

Quality care

We believe that children learn best in a play orientated curriculum.

We believe that every child deserves to receive an excellent, equitable programme that reflects their needs as a unique individual.

We celebrate diversity and difference and believe that aboriginal understandings

promote reconciliation.

We believe that children with special needs deserve assistance and support and the parents of these children are to be assisted and encouraged by our centre.

We believe that parents have a vital role in the learning process of young children and that they have the right to feel valued and fulfilled in this parenting role.

We believe that our preschool facility should reflect the unique needs of the Aldinga community.

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile

Director PSD1 1.0

1.4 Teachers

45 hours ECW 1

Support worker – as needed.

Finance Officer 3 hours a week

Performance Management for all staff is conducted in term 2 and term 4

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds

The Centre was opened in 1978 to accommodate 35 students. Subsequently it has been extended three times to accommodate increasing numbers. Currently the kindergarten is approved for up to 110 students.

- Capacity (per session) currently 55 per session.
- Centre Ownership, DECS own the building and the Onkaparinga Council own the land.
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Wheelchair access to the building.
- The kindergarten is located next to a large reserve, playgrounds, tennis courts, dog park, community centre, community garden and childcare centre. The main shopping centre, library and medical facilities are located approx 1 km away from the kindergarten. The kindergarten is also within walking distance of the beach.
- The kindergarten is well resourced and specifically designed for preschool programs. It has a large outdoor space that includes a slide, climbing equipment, sandpit, water course, digging patch, gravel pit, lawns, vegetable gardens, sensory gardens, large verandah and swings. The building includes kitchen, 2 learning spaces, adult toilet, children's bathroom, office and staff room.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

Schools to which children generally transfer

Aldinga Primary School

Galilee Catholic School

Southern Vales Christian College

Myponga primary school

Tatachilla Lutheran School

Aldinga Payinthe College

Other local care, facilities and educational facilities.

There are at least four childcare centres in Aldinga, 1 of which drops off and collects children to/from the Kindergarten. This childcare centre is located next door.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

Aldinga has a shopping centre which is growing and several Medical Centres

A new school facility is currently being built in Aldinga.

There are a variety of sporting clubs and the community centre runs day and evening courses for adults as well as children. Many services such as scouts and playgroups are available in the community at Aldinga.

The kindergarten has Oz Harvest deliver food twice a week.

CAFHS checks are held at the kindergarten each term.

Kindergarten is a member of the Sea and Vines partnership which is made up of several preschools and schools from the local area.