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Home

In our safe and supportive environment, your child will have fun learning to communicate, trust and share through play, building confidence and connecting with their world. We respect diversity and look forward to building a partnership with you as we strive for the best learning outcomes for your child.

Find out more about our goals and our focus in our philosophy statement (PDF 309KB)
(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/andrews_farm_philosophy.pdf).

Volunteering

If you'd like to volunteer with us, we'd love to hear from you. See volunteering in schools, preschool and children's centres
(<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/volunteers/what-volunteers-need-know/volunteering-schools-preschools-and-childrens-centres>) and have a chat to us about how you can get involved.

We invite you to join the governing council, which meets twice a term to make sure the preschool runs smoothly. Read through what a governing council does
(<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/governing-councils/understanding-governing-councils/what-governing-council-does>) and speak to us to register your interest.

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land we are on and pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people who are present today.

Contact us

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What we offer

We offer a number of programs and services to support your child's early years learning (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/curriculum-and-teaching/primary-and-secondary-curriculum/curriculum-taught-south-australia>).

Preschool program

Times

Your child can attend preschool for up to 15 hours per week.

AM sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am to 11.30am	8.30am to 11.30am	8.30am to 11.30am	8.30am to 11.30am	8.30am to 11.30am

PM sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.00pm to 3.00pm	12.00pm to 3.00pm	12.00pm to 3.00pm	12.00pm to 3.00pm	

Full day sessions

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am to 3.00pm	8.30am to 3.00pm	8.30am to 3.00pm	8.30am to 3.00pm	

Fees

The parent contribution is \$2 per session or \$7 for a full day. See our enrolment and fees page (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/andrews-farm-community-preschool/getting-started/enrolment-and-fees>) for more information.

What to bring

Your child needs to bring these items each day:

- bag
- broad-brimmed, legionnaire or sun-safe hat (without chin straps)
- change of clothes
- nappies if required
- drink bottle containing water
- healthy snack
- packed lunch.

Please write your child's name on all their belongings.

What not to bring

Children should not bring these things:

- food containing nuts (some children have nut allergies that can be dangerous)
- unhealthy food or drink (lollies, chocolate, chips, fizzy drinks)
- toys from home.

Additional information

Apply sunscreen as necessary before your child's session.

Disability support

There is support available for children with disability (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/children-disability-and-special-needs>). Talk to us for more information.

Enrolment and fees

When your child can start preschool

Your child is entitled to access 1 year of preschool.

If your child turns 4 before 1 May, they can start preschool at the beginning of the year. If your child turns 4 on or after 1 May, they can start the next year.

If you want to delay your child's start to preschool or you're not sure about when they should start, please talk to us about your options.

If your child is Aboriginal or under guardianship (in care) they are eligible for 12 hours of preschool after they turn 3. They will then be eligible for 15 hours per week of preschool in the year before they start school.

Early entry

Your child may be able to come to preschool 1 term earlier, in term 4 the year before starting their preschool year, if they:

- have additional needs or disability
- are learning English as an additional language or dialect
- are at significant risk because of family circumstances.

Early entry is for up to 6 hours per week, if places are available.

Access is decided on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact us if you want more information about early entry.

Enrolling your child

You can register your interest to enrol your child with us by using the preschool registration of interest form (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/doc/preschool-registration-interest-form>). This form is also available from us.

Try to register your interest by 30 June, but you can do this any time during the year.

Priority will be given to children living in our catchment area. If you don't live in our catchment area (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/andrews-farm-community-preschool#location>) you should indicate at least 2 other preschool options on your form.

If we can give your child a place with us we'll send you an offer letter in term 3 (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates>). You can accept the offer by filling in and sending back the acceptance slip by the due date.

Before your child starts

We will contact you in term 3 about an information session. This will be a 1-hour session where you can ask questions.

Before they start preschool your child can come to orientation visits. These will be in term 4 and are a chance for you and your child to meet our educators, other children and get to know our environment.

Fees

We ask you to contribute towards the cost of your child attending preschool.

The parent contribution is \$2 per session, or \$7 for a full day.

When to pay

We will invoice you via your child's information pocket.

Payments are due by the end of each term

(<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates>).

Please contact us if you are having difficulty paying.

How to pay

Cash

You can pay cash at our preschool. Please put the payment in a sealed envelope with your child's full name on the front and put in the contribution box.

EFT information

You can pay by direct deposit.

BSB: 105121

Account number: 453242440

Please put your child's full name as the reference.

Immunisations

When you enrol your child you will be asked to provide evidence of their immunisation status (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/early-childhood-services-immunisation-requirements>).

Reports and plans

National Quality Standard rating

Our services are assessed and rated against 7 quality areas of the National Quality Standard.



Overall Rating: Meeting NQS

Quality Area Ratings

- 1 Educational program and practice:** Meeting NQS
- 2 Children's health and safety:** Meeting NQS
- 3 Physical environment:** Meeting NQS
- 4 Staffing arrangements:** Meeting NQS
- 5 Relationships with children:** Meeting NQS
- 6 Partnerships with families and communities:** Meeting NQS
- 7 Leadership and service management:** Meeting NQS

Rating for: Andrews Farm Community Preschool

Rating issued: March 2013

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Quality improvement plan

An assessment of the programs we offer against the National Quality Standard and national regulations. It identifies areas for improvement and includes our philosophy statement.

Quality improvement plan (PDF 77KB)

(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/andrews_farm_qip.pdf)

Site context statement

A summary of our:

- general information
- key policies
- curriculum
- staff
- facilities
- local community
- partnership arrangements with other groups.

Site context statement (PDF 66KB)

(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/andrews_farm_context.pdf)

Annual report

A report on our progress, achievements, highlights and challenges for the year.

Annual report (PDF) (http://docs.decd.sa.gov.au/Sites/AnnualReports/2635_AnnualReport.pdf)

Parenting support

Giving your child a strong start in the early years

Research tells us that quality education and care early in life leads to better health, education and job outcomes in adulthood. Children are learning and growing from the time they are born. The greatest influence on a child's future health, development and happiness is in the first 5 years of life.

We're working with families to take a 'learning together' approach about child development in the early years.

Parenting resources

Several early childhood parenting resources are available to help your child learn and grow right from the start.

Little Big Book Club (<http://www.thelittlebigbookclub.com.au/>) supports parents to read, sing and play with their children from birth, with access to book recommendations, reading packs and resources.

Dad's Read (<http://dadsread.org.au/>) offers advice for fathers to encourage reading together with their child.

Parenting SA (<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/parenting/parenting-sa>) has free parenting factsheets, videos and upcoming seminars on many parenting topics.

Positive Parenting program
(<http://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au-uk/en/find-help/triple-p-parenting-in-south-australia/?itb=bc37e109d92bdc1ea71da6c919d54907>) has free seminars, workshops and one-on-one sessions for parents of children aged 3 to 12 years.

Learning with your child (GreatStart)
(<https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care/parenting/learning-your-child-greatstart>) gives parents everyday learning ideas and activities to help build their child's maths and language skills.

Raising Children Network (<http://raisingchildren.net.au/>) provides up-to-date, evidence-based, scientifically validated information about raising children and caring for yourself as a parent or carer.

Sun Protection Policy

Rationale

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with two out of every three people developing some form of skin cancer in their lifetime.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Sun exposure in the first ten years of life determines, to a substantial degree, the likelihood of skin cancer developing later in life.

Cancer Council SA advises people protect their skin at times when the ultraviolet (UV) radiation level is 3 and above—this is when it is strong enough to cause damage to unprotected skin. For much of South Australia, UV radiation levels are usually below in May, June and July and above from September to April—it is during these months that sun protection is necessary.

Cancer Council SA recommends that a skin protection policy be in place from 1 September until 30 April when UV radiation levels are 3 and above. It is highly recommended that UV radiation levels are monitored, particularly during May to August as they still may be 3 or above depending on your location. Cancer Council SA also recommends that particular care should be taken during these months between 10.00 am – 3.00 pm, when the UV radiation levels are at their highest.

It is important to balance sun protection with safe sun exposure for the production of vitamin D for bone growth and development. During May to August, at times when the UV radiation level is below 3, sun protection for most people is not necessary.

Aims

The aims of the Andrews Farm Community Preschool skin protection policy are to promote among children, educators and parents:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection.
- Lifestyle practices which can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths.
- Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection.
- Awareness of the need for environmental changes in our centre to reduce the level of sun exposure when the UV radiation level is 3 and above.

Implementation

This policy is for implementation from 1 September to 30 April. Outside of this time care should also be taken when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above.

The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all members of Andrews Farm Community Preschool are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful rays of the sun.

It is an expectation that all educators, children and parents of Andrews Farm Community Preschool will use the following skin protection strategies:

- 1 Take care to protect the skin when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above. Extra care should be taken between 10.00 am and 3.00 pm when UV radiation levels are highest.
 - Whenever possible, all outdoor activities will be set up in shaded areas and the children will be encouraged to seek shaded areas for play and experience.
- 2 Use the shade of trees, verandah and shade sails whenever outdoors.
 - Tree planting will be organised at the service with consideration given to any open space grassed area
 - Provision of shaded areas is considered to be sufficient at this stage
 - Further provision of shaded areas is always considered for future development
- 3 Wear appropriate clothing which protects the skin.
 - Children, educators and parents will be expected to wear a broad brimmed hat, legionnaire style hat, or a bucket hat (bucket hat must have a deep crown and minimum 6 cms brim) for outside activities. Children not wearing an appropriate hat will be expected to play in the shade.
 - Children will be encouraged to wear appropriate sun protective clothing eg: shirts with collars and at least elbow length sleeves and longer style shorts/skirts.
- 4 Apply a broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen with an SPF of 50+ to clean, dry skin, 15—20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours if outdoors for a prolonged period of time or more frequently if involved in water activities or perspiring.
 - Adequate time must be allowed for correct application of sunscreen on children before they go outdoors.
 - Parents will be encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before they attend their daily session.
 - For full day children, educators will assist children to apply sunscreen prior to lunch for the PM outdoor play.
- 5 Reinforcing the SunSmart message in all preschool activities and procedures is an important strategy in skin protection behaviours.
 - Educators will be encouraged to role model appropriate SunSmart strategies.
 - Skin protection cancer prevention and vitamin D will be included in appropriate teaching activities.
 - Educators will be encouraged to keep up to date with new information and resources from Cancer Council SA.
 - Information about the centre's SunSmart Policy will be given to all new educators, children and families. (newsletters, posters)
- 6 Andrews Farm Community Preschool skin protection policy will be evaluated on a regular basis.
 - Policy issues will be discussed at educator and Governing Council meetings, where new information will also be taken into consideration.

For more information please don't hesitate to contact:

Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20

Or visit our website on:

www.sunsmart.org.au



Our Philosophy

We believe children learn through play, with and from each other and the educators within a safe, secure environment. Through play children develop an understanding of their social world. They learn to communicate, trust, form attachments, share, negotiate, take turns, resolve conflict and have fun.

We acknowledge each child is unique in terms of their abilities, disposition and developmental readiness. They bring with them their diverse life experiences, knowledge and perspectives.

Our vision is to provide a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment which leads to quality educational outcomes for all children.