



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated 3/22

Centre number: 3621

Centre name: Coorara Preschool Centre

1. General information

Preschool Director – Ange Feddern

Postal address – 22 Matison Road Morphett Vale SA 5162

Location address – as above

DECD Partnership - Panalatinga

Geographical location – 27km from Adelaide GPO

Telephone number – (08) 8325 0866

Mobile – 0407718531

- Preschool website address – www.coorarapre.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address – dl.3621_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance –

2017 enrolments: 22 - 23, attendances: 94%
2018 enrolments: 17 – 19, attendances: 92%
2019 enrolments: 22 – 28, attendances: 88%
2020 enrolments: 25 – 28, attendances: 94%
2021enrolments 25 25 attendance 95%

Stand alone, adjacent to Coorara Primary School

Programs operating at the preschool

- ⌘ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children – Tuesdays 8.30 – 3.00, Wednesdays 8.30 – 3.00, alternate Thursdays 8.30 – 12.30
- ⌘ Associated Programs – Playgroup offered Fridays 9.00 – 11.00am
- ⌘ Nature Play Playgroup sessions and Bush Kindy term 2 and 3.
- ⌘ Registered as Nature Play all year and term 2 and 3 Bush kindy. Kurna Reconciliation Action Plan in place with Kurna Elder Tamaru.
- ⌘
pre-entry Sessions – series of three ‘come and play’ sessions for 90 minutes in November, 2021 for children enrolled for 2022

We offer early entry to 3 year old Aboriginal children (starting on their 3rd birthday. Early entry is offered to children in term 4 with approval to children with complex needs.
- ⌘ Bilingual Support – available and arranged to meet children and family needs.
- ⌘ Preschool Support – support is available for children with additional needs, including speech and language, development delays, behaviour and physical needs. Extra staff are contracted to work with individual children and in small groups.

2. Key Policies / Philosophy

Coorara Preschool

Our Philosophy

- Coorara – “Meeting Place Under the Clouds”
- Coorara Preschool is a community of life-long learners who collaborate, create and work together in Partnership with warmth and respect.
- It is a place where children feel valued and celebrate identities while participating in stimulating play based learning where they can explore, connect, discover, create, inquire and grow.

- A place where 'becoming' is valued. Children are encouraged to be engaged, involved, autonomous learners where equity and high expectations are valued.
- We acknowledge and pay respects to the Kurna people past and present.

Our Values

Respect
Confidence
Getting Along
Resilience
Persistence
Organisation

3. Curriculum

Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework

Specific curriculum approaches – learning through play

Consultation with Green Adelaide to a more sustainable environment.

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile – Director 0.6, Teacher 0.6, Early Childhood Worker 0.6

Performance Management Program – Bi-annual review for all staff

Access to special support staff – Additional ECW hours allocated according to needs of children enrolled. We have access to Department for Education special educator, speech pathologist and psychologist as well as accommodate private providers whenever possible.

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds – one 40 year old transportable building that was updated internally early 2016, plus 2 outdoor storage sheds set on extensive outdoor learning area.

Capacity (per session) - 36

Centre Ownership – South Australia Department for Education

Access for children and staff with disabilities – two disabled car parks, path to gate and ramp into building, no disabled toilets.

6. Local Community

General characteristics – Adelaide southern suburbs, families involved in a variety of occupations, with English as the general language most spoken at home.

Parent and community involvement in the preschool – parent involvement encouraged and appreciated in this small family based preschool.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool – highest percentage of children transfer to Coorara Primary School, with a few to other public and private schools.

Other local care and educational facilities – OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) program at Coorara Primary is available to preschool children before and after preschool sessions. Various child care centres are located locally.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities – Woodcroft and Morphet Vale shopping close by.

Other local facilities – large range of medical, sporting, social, cultural and recreational facilities are available locally.

- Local Government - Onkaparinga Council

7. Further Comments

Partnership arrangements with other groups – Coorara Preschool enjoys a close relationship with Coorara Primary, with children accessing OSHC services, visiting the library and also The Cubs Program. The preschool staff work closely with the Department for Education Panalatinga Partnership leaders and sites – which includes other local preschools, primary and secondary schools.