

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 28/3/2023

Centre number: 3632

Centre name: Frieda Corpe Community Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Kerry Warner
- Postal address: 42 Benny Ave Port Noarlunga 5167
- Location address: As above
- DFE Partnership: River Hub
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (.45 km)
- Telephone number: 08 83842108
- Preschool website address: www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3632_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Up to 60 children. Families attend kindy regularly in either the Kurraka (Monday/Tuesday group) or Yurlu (Wednesday/Thursday) group 8.25am to 3.30pm as well as the termly Friday sessions.
- Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children



Associated Programs

- ☐ Full Day Program
- ☐ Bilingual Support: As required.
- ☐ Preschool Support: The centre supports many families and children with special needs/rights through our allocated IESP budget.



2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose: At Frieda Corpe Community Kindergarten we are committed to “Opening hearts and minds to life-long learning” for children to grow as respectful, responsive and valued community members. We aspire to develop a sense of belonging, respecting the uniqueness of families and their cultures. Our kindergarten sits proudly on Kaurna land and we immerse our community in Kaurna culture, history and language to deepen our connection to Country.

The philosophy of Frieda Corpe Kindergarten respects the right of the child to be valued as a child: competent, capable and unique. Educators are committed to collaboratively working as co-educators and learners with children, their families and the community to develop children’s positive learning dispositions for successful lifelong learning. Integral to this is our belief that children have the right to realize and expand their potential through best practice, quality education and care. We seek to develop the whole child within a community of learners, valuing the child’s voice. We develop secure, respectful and reciprocal relationships to support children’s sense of agency and ability to express themselves clearly.

Frieda Corpe Kindergarten is situated in Port Noarlunga, it is a historical site. Frieda Corpe donated the land over 70 years ago for a kindergarten to be built for young learners. It is a stand-alone centre to which children then attend Port Noarlunga Primary School and a wide variety of private schools in the southern area. Parents are strongly involved throughout their children’s learning at kindy by sharing about their child’s interests and experiences, which co-educators incorporate into the well-known child-initiated curriculum learning program. Families from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds and various family compositions attend the centre and we have an increasing number of families from various cultural backgrounds. We have second and third generations of families coming back through the centre. Through our dedication to provide the best possible education and care through current innovative practices our site is highly recommended from within the community. We have an extremely dedicated staff team of predominately part time educators which hopes to remain stable for years to come. Our improvement goals and priorities are developed each year through our site review practices, family feedback/sharing and rigorous educator reflective practices.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework for Australia V2.0, 2022
Constructivist pedagogies are utilised through the child-initiated curriculum, with a focus on learning outcomes.
Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum



- Core Values: “Opening hearts and minds to lifelong learning”
Respect, Individuality, Creativity, Harmony
- Specific curriculum approaches
Child Initiated Curriculum, inquiry-based approach.
Focus on learning dispositions and developing a positive growth mindset through the
“You Can Do It” values and puppets.
Nature Play & Sustainability focus.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 1.0 Director, .5 Teacher (Permanent), .5 Teacher Permanent), .5 Early Childhood Worker
- Performance Management Program: Twice yearly with Director aligned with our PQIP Plan.
- Access to special support staff: Speech and language, children with special rights.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Frieda Corpe was named after Frieda Corpe herself who found a need for a local kindergarten in the community. It has since become a DFE site and much loved within the local community. The building is 70 years old with a developed vegetable garden and nature play space. We have a large, grassed area, sandpit, wooden boat, swings, stage area, mud kitchen and butterfly garden.
Capacity per session: 30
- Centre Ownership: Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: No ramps or Disabled toilets currently available due to the small size of the bathroom.
- Other : Nappy change facilities are available.



6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: Families are predominately from low to mid socio-economic backgrounds and various family compositions.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:
Parents are strongly involved through their children's learning at kindy. Educator's value collaborating with families to support and plan for children's individual learning needs and interests. Parents are also encouraged to share their interests, cultures, skills and talents as part of being an active and valued member our Frieda Corpe Community.
There is a dedicated group of parents each year that form the Governing Council (Parent Voice)
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
A large % attend our local Port Noarlunga School as well as a wide variety of private schools in the area.
- Other local care and educational facilities: Child Care, Family Day Care.
Port Noarlunga Primary School is at the end of the street, within a 2 min walk.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:
Port Noarlunga is a residential area. Nearby are local shops in Port Noarlunga & Christies Beach, with extensive services and a variety of shopping at Colonnades (located at Noarlunga Centre)
- Other local facilities:
All services and facilities are available nearby within walking distance or bus. There are support services available to families e.g Speech Therapist, OT, occasional care and playgroup through our neighbouring kindergarten called Taikurrendi Children and Family Centre. Early parenting services are also available through Southern Primary Health, Noarlunga and Aboriginal Health services, Noarlunga.
- Accessibility:
Local shops are accessible by walking and local transport including buses and trains run from Noarlunga to the city.
- Local Government: Onkaparinga Council



7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups:
Local Art Centre-displaying our children's self portraits each year.
Our kindergarten is part of the River Hub Partnership Portfolio.