



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 6/4/2022

Centre number: 3604

Centre name: Hallett Cove Preschool

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Helen Creeper
- Postal address: 15 Zwerner Drive , Hallett Cove
- Location address: 15 Zwerner Drive Hallett Cove
- Deptment for Education Partnership: Marion Coast (Noarlunga 2 Portfolio)
- Geographical location – 22km road distance from GPO Adelaide
- Telephone number: 8322 2187
- Fax number: 83228758
- Preschool website address: www.hallettpre.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3604.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- **Enrolment/Attendance:** In 2021 and 2022 our Enrolments were capped to 55 children. (previously 66)

2021	Enrolments 55	Attendance % (Average) 89%
2020	Enrolments 55	Attendance % (Average) 88%
2019	Enrolments 66	Attendance % (Average) 89%
2018	Enrolments 66	Attendance % (Average) 92%
2017	Enrolments 66	Attendance% (Average) 92%
- Stand alone Preschool
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ☐ Associated Programs Early Entry, Playgroup.
 - ☐ Full Day Program
 - ☐ Bilingual Support as needed for eligible children
 - ☐ Preschool Support as needed for eligible children

2. Key Centre Policies

- This is our Philosophy Statement which we seek to weave into our work each day:
We work in partnership with families to support children's well-being and develop their dispositions for learning as they become healthy, active global citizens. Together with our community we care for and respect ourselves, each other and the environment:
- Curriculum Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework.(EYLF) The staff team apply the principles and practices of the EYLF to support children's development across the 5 Outcome areas of our curriculum.
- The Indicators of Preschool Numeracy and Literacy support the educators to acknowledge children learning across all Key Elements of Numeracy and Literacy
- The Reflect Respect Relate document supports educators to reflect on elements of their teaching practice to better support children's learning.
- Our Preschool aims to provide a program which is inclusive of all children and supports them in their transitions across learning environments through collaborative partnerships with parents and other carers and practitioners.
- A Preschool Quality Improvement Plan is developed each year to focus our improvement work for educators and outcomes for children. In 2022 our goals are focussed on children symbolic representation and thinking about measurement. Our learning program takes direction from the Marion Coast Partnership Plan and the Education Department's Strategic Directions to support all children in their Numeracy and Literacy Learning.
- Specific curriculum approaches include play based learning, nature play , large and small group time learning . Our excursions, Kindylinks phonological awareness program and Musical Muscles program supports children additional learning.
- Core Values: Children's Wellbeing, Developing children's learning dispositions, Sustainability and Nature Focus:-Site Environmental Management Plan
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4. Centre Based Staff

- Stable staff team for the last 8 years including Fulltime 1.0 Director, 1.0 Teacher (permanent) and 1.0 Early Childhood Worker (permanent).
- During 2021 and 2022 due to decreased enrolments, our Preschool has been funded for Warranted Staffing 0.5 ECW & Universal Access ECW 0.1FTE totalling 0.6 FTE ECW. The Education Dept and site have worked together to maintain the 1.0 permanent ECW to ensure continuity of staffing.
- Universal Access Teacher 0.4FTE + 24hour FTF teacher relief + 0.2 FTE =06 FTE temporary (contract) teacher

- Performance Management Program: The Director develops with each staff member a Performance Management Plan and we engage in professional development and conversations to support each staff member's ongoing learning to support our curriculum and the foci of our Quality Improvement Plan.
- The Director develops her own Leaders performance Plan with the Educational Director and works towards her self-development across the year.

5. Centre Facilities

- Our preschool was purpose built and opened in 1989. Spacious Indoor and Outdoor Learning Areas catering for a diverse range of learning opportunities. The staff team and Governing Council are reflective about our learning environment and are constantly looking to improve our learning facilities, our recently updated kitchen facility is an example.
- An area of our Preschool is designated to the care of our own hens and ducks and vegetable garden, which have historically been part of Preschool's environmental learning
- Our centre has a site capacity of 58 children per session.
- In 2022, we have 21 children in our Monday Tuesday group and 30 children in our Wednesday Thursday group
- Centre Ownership: Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Disabled Parking Space. Wheelchair Access into the Preschool building and upper area of the outdoor learning area.

6. Local Community

- We welcome parent and community involvement at our Preschool, however, this has been impacted in recent years by the COVID pandemic. Parents are welcomed to volunteer at our Preschool by being part of our Governing Council, to assist in Preschool learning and to assist with the care of Preschool hens and ducks. We encourage families to share their family culture with us through learning experiences and to contribute feedback and ideas relating to our learning program.
- Children attending our Preschool, generally transition to Hallett Cove (R-12) School. Also, to St Martin de Porres school, Hallett Cove East and Woodend Primary schools.
- Many children attend the local childcare centres. Our preschool is benefited by its close relationship with the adjacent Hallett Cove Community Child Care Centre and some children move between centres in their preschool day.
- Hallett Cove Shopping Centre and Cove Civic Centre are in our immediate area. The Preschool is easily accessed by road and bus routes, and parking is readily available in our carpark and on the street.
- Local Government Area - The City of Marion