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Home

Welcome to Meningie Kindergarten. Our vision is for your child to reach their full potential through play-based learning that caters to them as an individual. We believe all children are capable learners who should be provided with opportunities to explore, inquire and grow.

We respectfully consider your child's family background and incorporate cultural understandings and practices in our daily approach.

Find out more about our goals and our focus in our philosophy statement (PDF 102KB)
(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net4016/f/meningie_kindergarten_-_philosophy.pdf).

Volunteering

If you'd like to volunteer with us, we'd love to hear from you. You might be able to help out with cooking, gardening, maintenance work or sharing an interest or talent you have. See volunteering in schools, preschools and children's centres
(<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/parent-engagement-education/volunteers/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 ensure the smooth running of the preschool. 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.

Sessions run every Tuesday and Thursday and alternate Fridays.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
–	8.30am to 3.00pm	–	8.30am to 3.00pm	8.30am to 3.00pm alternate weeks

Fees

Our parent contribution is \$85 per term. See our enrolment and fees page (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/meningie-kindergarten/getting-started/enrolment-and-fees>) for more information.

What to bring

Children need to bring these items each day:

- bag
- hat
- change of clothes
- drink bottle containing water
- a piece of fruit for shared fruit time
- packed lunch
- a big smile.

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

What not to bring

Children should not bring these things:

- unhealthy food or drink (lollies, chocolate, chips, fizzy drinks)
- toys from home.

Bus service

Your child may be able to access the Meningie Area School (<http://www.meningieas.sa.edu.au/>) bus service. Approval is required from the school and is subject to availability. Please contact the school (<http://www.meningieas.sa.edu.au/pages/contact-us.php>) for more information.

Playgroup

Our volunteer-run playgroup takes place every Wednesday during term.

Times

Wednesdays from 10.00am to 12 noon.

Cost

\$2 per child aged 2 to 5 years per session.

\$1 per child under 2 years of age per session.

What to bring

Children need to bring these items each day:

- ♦ a piece of fruit for shared fruit time
- ♦ hat
- ♦ drink bottle containing water.

Transition to school

Our transition program helps your child become familiar with Meningie Area School (<http://www.meningieas.sa.edu.au/>) and their new teacher in the term before they start school. Before your child starts school we will meet with you to discuss their transition and your child's reception teacher will visit our kindergarten. Your child will start visiting the school 1 day a week for 4 weeks in their last term of kindy.

Times

School visits will take place on Thursdays and will start at 8.45am. Each visit will be extended until your child spends a full day at school in the fourth week of transition. As the length of these visits and the weeks in which they take place can vary slightly each year, we will discuss your child's individual schedule with you at the time.

Cost

Included in your parent contribution.

What to bring

Children need to bring these items each day:

- bag
- hat
- change of clothes
- drink bottle containing water
- a piece of fruit or healthy snack
- packed lunch.

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 (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/meningie-kindergarten#location>). If you don't live in our catchment area 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 orientation session to be held at the start of term 4. This will be a 1-hour session where you can ask questions.

Before they start preschool your child can attend pre-entry transition visits. These will be in term 4 and will be a chance for your child to meet the staff and other children. Each transition visit gradually increases in time with the last visit being a full day.

Fees

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

The parent contribution is \$340 per year. You can choose to pay the total amount at the beginning of the year or to pay 4 instalments of \$85 at the beginning of each term (<https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates>).

The parent contribution for pre-entry transition is \$20 for the term.

We offer other programs that may have an additional cost (<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/meningie-kindergarten/getting-started/what-we-offer#meningieprograms>).

When to pay

Each term you will receive an invoice in your child's preschool pocket.

Payments are due each term.

Please contact us if you are having difficulty paying.

How to pay

Cash or cheque

You can pay by cash or cheque at the kindy. If you are paying by cash or cheque, please put the money or cheque in a sealed envelope with your child's name on the front. Put the envelope in the payments box.

EFT information

You can pay by direct deposit and can pay for a year or term upfront or set up a regular weekly or fortnightly payment.

BSB: 105165

Account number: 737442540

Please put your child's name in the notes 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>).

Plans and reports

National Quality Standard rating

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



Overall Rating: Exceeding NQS

Quality Area Ratings

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

Rating for: Meningie Preschool

Rating issued: August 2018

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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 430KB)

(https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net4016/f/meningie_kindergarten_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 148KB)

(
https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/meningie_kindergarten_context_statement.pdf?v=1594962451)

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/6553_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 care.