Nangwarry Child Parent Centre parent handbook

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Find out more about our goals and our focus in our philosophy statement (PDF 94KB) (https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/nangwarry_philosophy_statement.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.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 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.

Bushfire risk

On forecasted 'catastrophic' fire danger days we will be closed. Make sure you know how we intend to contact you in this situation. You can find more information about an active bushfire from the CFS website (http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/). See the bushfire page on the Department for Education's website (https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites-and-facilities/bushfires-and-emergency-closures/bushfire-information) for general information.

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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.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.00am to 3.00pm	9.00am to 3.00pm	9.00am to 12 noon	-	-

Fees

The parent contribution is \$40 per term. See our enrolment and fees (https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/nangwarry-child-parent-centre/getting-started/enrolment-and-fees) page 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
- drink bottle containing water
- healthy snack (2 pieces of fruit, cheese or yoghurt)
- packed healthy lunch (sandwich).

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 (Iollies, chocolate, chips, fizzy drinks)
- toys from home

Additional information

Please read our drop-off and pick-up procedure (PDF 27KB) (https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/nangwarry_drop_off_and_pick_up.pdf).

Your child has an information pocket where we put all newsletters and notes. Please ask us if you can't find your child's pocket.

Playgroup

This is run and supported by the site for parents to bring their children to a play based learning experience once a week

Times

Monday 9.15am to 10.30am

Cost

Free

What to bring

Your child needs to bring:

- healthy snack
- water bottle
- hat
- change of clothes
- creativity.

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/nangwarry-child-parent-centre#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 orientation session. This will be a 1-hour session where you can ask questions.

Before they start preschool your child can come to pre-entry transition visits. These will be in term 4 and are a chance

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Fees

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

The parent contribution is \$160 per year. You can choose to pay the total amount at the beginning of the year or pay instalments of \$40 each term

 $(\underline{https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/teaching/south-australian-state-schools-term-dates}).$

We offer other programs that may have additional costs (https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/nangwarry-child-parent-centre/getting-started/what-we-offer#nangwarryprograms).

When to pay

We will invoice you by March via post.

If you are paying instalments, payment is due by week 10 each term.

Please contact us if you are having difficulty paying.

How to pay

Cash or cheque

You can pay cash, cheque or via EFTPOS at the school front office.

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.

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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 1.8MB) (https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/sites/default/files/nangwarry_preschool_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 388KB)

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

Annual report

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

Annual report (PDF) (https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/)

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-uken/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.

Signing your child in and out

Please remember to sign your child in AND out of Kindy every day. The sign-in sheets are near the door as you come into the Kindy room. Encourage your child to have a go at writing their own name. Please note only authorised adults may sign your child out of the preschool.

NANGWARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL

& Preschool on School Site

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Social Media Policy

The use of social media is a common, effective and efficient way in which schools and families can communicate with each other. As the vast majority of families have access to internet and smart phones, parents have given feedback that social media is a great way to stay in touch with school, and their child's learning. It is also an effective way to promote school events to the community.

The Nangwarry Primary School Facebook page has been developed by the Administration team, in consultation with Governing Council, as an additional channel of information for parents, caregivers and the wider community to promote school activities. Items to be advertised on the page include:

- Event information
- Fundraising
- Important school alerts (such as "Fire Ban" days etc)
- Reminders to parents about events and activities
- Due date reminders
- Links to resources
- Asking for feedback
- Call for volunteers
- Share things that would normally appear in the newsletter as individual posts
- Share information from other sources that may be of interest to parents

The Nangwarry Primary School Facebook Page will be an open page which any member of the community is welcome to "like" and be updated with our school information as it is posted. The Facebook page is not a social networking tool for parents but rather a source of information and as such, it is the policy that all information to be shared on this page is passed on to the Administration staff for posting from the school without exception.

When requesting to post on the Nangwarry Primary School Facebook Page:

- Ensure content is in line with the DECD Social Media Policy & Guidelines
 - http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/decdsocialmediapolicy.pdf
- Ensure content is accurate and not misleading
- Code of ethics of Public Sector of South Australia is adhered to

Nangwarry Primary School will not to use any student faces on the Facebook page.

Use of photos across social media

Government Council representative signature:

Date implemented: March 2018 Date reviewed: March 2020

The use of social media is a useful tool for schools and families to connect with each other. However, student safety/confidentiality is paramount to our school and community. When parents take photos at events such as sports days, they are asked not to share any images on their social media channels that include school children other than their own.	
POLICY REVIEW	
This policy will be reviewed and monitored on a regular basis to ensure it remains current and practical to the schools requirement.	i
Principal's signature:	
WHS representative signature:	

Date to be revised: March 2020

We believe that every child comes to preschool as a unique individual with varying life experiences, social and cultural backgrounds. Therefore, we believe it is important to offer a safe and secure, nurturing environment. This environment respects and fosters the development of the whole child (physical, social, emotional and cognitive) creating well rounded competent learners.

Families and communities are integral to children's development and wellbeing and therefore at Nangwarry we strive to establish a strong connection between home and the school and wider community.

Play is vital to children's development. Through play children learn a variety of diverse developmental skills vital for later development and growth. Skills developed through play include:

Dispositions for learning (curiosity, persistence)

Thinking and memory skills (problem solving, , perspective taking)

Language and literacy skills (vocabulary, verbalisation, extended language)

Logical and mathematical thinking

Creativity and imagination

Moral understanding, empathy and an understanding of difference

Ability to take the perspective of others

Self regulation and managing their own behaviour

At Nangwarry, we strongly believe in the importance of a 'hands-on' play based curriculum with a balance between teacher directed and child initiated experiences.

NANGWARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL & Preschool on School Site

SunSmart Policy

(Review Date - February 18)

This policy has been developed as a result of School Council's concerns for the physical wellbeing of its students and community.

RATIONALE

Australia has one the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world with two out of three Australians developing skin cancer before the age of 70. 950,000 new cases and 2,000 skin cancer related deaths are recorded each year.

Overexposure to the ultraviolet (UV) radiation in childhood and adolescence is more likely to contribute to the risk of skin cancer later in life. Research suggests there is a link between sunburn during childhood and melanoma in adulthood.

Skin damage, including skin cancer, is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Research also suggests that sunburn, tanning and skin damage is a contributor to skin cancer and other forms of skin damage such as wrinkles, sunspots, blemishes and premature ageing.

Nangwarry Primary School and preschool can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths by encouraging all members of the school community to take effective skin-protective measures.

AIM: To develop positive attitudes among students, parents, staff and visitors to

Nangwarry Primary School and Preschool, about how to avoid overexposure to UV.

REASON: The greatest impact of overexposure to UV on the skin occurs during the first twenty

years of your life. However, skin protection should be a life-long practice.

OBJECTIVE: To reduce the risk of skin damage for the Nangwarry Primary School and Preschool

community.

STRATEGIES FOR SKIN PROTECTION

The implementation of this policy is during terms one, three and four each year and when the UV is 3 and above at other times. The school community is encouraged to check the daily sun protection times via the Bureau of Meteorology website or the SunSmart app.

1. AS PART OF GENERAL SKIN PROTECTION:

- <u>Students</u> will be encouraged to wear the school broad brimmed hat that will protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside e.g. class breaks, camps, sports, sports carnivals, outdoor excursion and activities.
- Students who do not have their hats with them will play in the designated area protected from the sun, (i.e. shelter shed and verandahs.)

- Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Teachers will schedule outdoor activities outside of the peak UV times of the day whenever possible or utilise the sport Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA)
- Students are encouraged to wear the school uniform or appropriate clothing (preschool)
 which offers adequate protection through tops with collars and longer style sleeves,
 and longer style shorts, dresses and skirts.
- Students are reminded to apply SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen approximately 20 min before going outdoors and reapply every two hours when outdoors when the UV is 3 and above.
- <u>Staff</u> will be required to act as role models for Work Health and Safety by practising sun protective behaviour when the UV is 3 and above including:
 - o wearing protective hats, sunglasses and appropriate clothing for outdoor activities
 - using SPF 30 or higher, broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for skin protection
 - o Seek shade whenever possible.

2. NANGWARRY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PRESCHOOL WILL:

- Encourage that all hats worn are appropriate and satisfy the Cancer Council guidelines.
- Ensure that adequate shade is provided at sporting carnivals and outdoor events where possible.
- Incorporate programmes on skin cancer prevention in the curriculum.
- Reinforce all aspects of the policy in a positive way through newsletters, assemblies, parent meetings, camps, student and teacher activities.

3. WHEN ENROLLING A CHILD, PARENTS WILL BE:

- Informed of the Sun Smart Policy (Navy School hats available for purchase.)
- Requested to provide an appropriate Navy hat for their child's use at school.
- Requested to provide an appropriate, named sunscreen for their child's personal use.
- Encouraged to practise skin protective behaviour.

Hats are available for purchase at the front office of the school. These hats have the school logo on the m and are recommended by the Anti-Cancer Foundation and endorsed by the Nangwarry Primary School and Preschool to protect the face neck and ears when in the sun.

<u>Safety Requirement</u>: hats without cords/toggles are required. Dangling cords can become caught in play equipment. Removal of cords reduces the risk of accidental strangulation.