



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 07/23

Centre number: 6539

Centre name: Pinnaroo Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Hedy Geroly-Hawthorne
- Postal address
PO BOX 117 Pinnaroo 5304
- Location address
6 Railway Terrace North, Pinnaroo
- DECD Partnership
Coorong Mallee
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
245km
- Telephone number
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- Fax number
85778651
- Preschool website address:
www.pinnarookgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address
dl.6539.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance

2019	15	ave 87%
2020	14	ave 84.5%
2021	6 dropped to 3	ave 86%
2022	10	ave 82%
2023	11	

- Co-located/stand-alone
Standalone
- Programs operating at the preschool

X Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children - 4 Sessions per week are offered at the Preschool for children aged 3.5 to 5 years old. These sessions occur as full days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8.30 to 3.30pm. 6 additional days are negotiated on an annual basis. Mid-Year Intake from July 2023.

☐ Occasional Care

X Associated Programs Pre-entry, Early Entry

X Lunch/Full Day Program The Preschool offers lunchtime supervision. 100% of children access this. Approximately 40% of our children catch school buses.

☐ Bilingual Support

X Preschool Support Provided for those children who meet the requirements.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

Currently, our Kindergarten is working toward strengthening children's ability to co-regulate and communicate their emotions.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values – RESPECTFUL, KIND, RESILIENT, CREATIVE, PLAYFUL

- Specific curriculum approaches

Pinnaroo Kindergarten provides a program in which children are engaged in a stimulating, active learning environment where they learn and develop through play.

We also have a focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Well-Being

To support families we have a Literacy Kit Library. Parents are able to borrow and use kits at home.

Library sessions also occur with the Community Librarian.

Children also have take home pets in which they record their adventures in a journal and their share with their peers.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
Bush Kindy during Terms 2 and 3, Transition visits with local school

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
0.5 Director (increases to 0.6 with Universal Access)
18.75 hrs ECW (time negotiated as need to allow for additional days each year), Support worker as required
- Performance Management Program
Staff meet with the Director twice a year (more often if required) to ensure personal goals are being achieved and support is provided.
- Access to special support staff
When required Preschool Support staff are employed to work with children with special needs. Children with special needs are eligible for support by the DfE through Student Support Services.
- Other

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
- Pinnaroo Kindergarten is a well appointed brick building comprising of a large open play area, wash room, office and storeroom. The outdoor area is spacious and features a large sandpit, beautiful lawn area, playground and shady forest area.
- Capacity (per session)
32
- Centre Ownership
DfE
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
Mostly flat ground.
- Other

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Pinnaroo is a small rural centre – population approximately 620. The town is traditionally an agricultural town surrounded by farms with sheep, cattle, grain and potatoes
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
The Preschool receives excellent support from parents and the wider community.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Pinnaroo Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities,
Mallee Child Care on the Go Service, Pinnaroo Primary School, Community Library(on school grounds)
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
Shops include a supermarket, newsagent, ANZ bank, post office, 2 hotels, motel and a 24 hour roadhouse.
- Other local facilities
Recreational amenities include a swimming pool, golf course, lawn tennis courts, football oval, netball courts and a gymnasium. Medical facilities include a visiting doctor, hospital, a visiting dentist and a chemist shop.
- Availability of staff housing
Limited housing Government Housing available (currently tenanted), private rent extremely limited
- Accessibility
Limited Bus Service Private vehicle essential, closest towns with increased shopping 1 ¼ hour to 2 hours drive
- Local Government
Southern Mallee District Council 85778002

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
Playgroup is run on Friday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am