



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 03/24

Centre number: 6662

Centre name: Risdon Park South Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director- Andrea Tyler
- Postal address – 10 Hannan Street Port Pirie SA 5540
- Location address- 10 Hannan Street Port Pirie SA 5540
- DECD Partnership - Pirie
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO - 3.7km
- Telephone number – 08 86 322 576
- Preschool website address: [www.risdonkgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.risdonkgn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address: [dl.6662.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.6662.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance

	<i>Enrolments</i>			
	<i>Term 1</i>	<i>Term 2</i>	<i>Term 3</i>	<i>Term 4</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>67</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>N/A Covid</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>53</i>
<i>2021</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>2022</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>47</i>
<i>2023</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>53</i>

	<i>Attendance</i>			
	<i>Term 1</i>	<i>Term 2</i>	<i>Term 3</i>	<i>Term 4</i>
<i>2018</i>	<i>89.8%</i>	<i>94.6%</i>	<i>89.6%</i>	<i>88.5%</i>
<i>2019</i>	<i>91.9%</i>	<i>89.1%</i>	<i>85.6%</i>	<i>88.2%</i>
<i>2020</i>	<i>95.9%</i>	<i>N/A Covid</i>	<i>88.7%</i>	<i>94.0%</i>
<i>2021</i>	<i>91.5%</i>	<i>95.7%</i>	<i>79.2%</i>	<i>87.8%</i>
<i>2022</i>	<i>89.3%</i>	<i>88.8%</i>	<i>66.2%</i>	<i>90%</i>
<i>2023</i>	<i>92%</i>	<i>79.2%</i>	<i>87%</i>	<i>88.6%</i>

- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand alone.
  
- Programs operating at the preschool:
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  - Universal Access to preschool – 30 hours/per fortnight  
Children attend one of two groups:  
Monday and Tuesday 8:30am -3:30pm and 6 addition sessions throughout the year.  
OR  
Wednesday and Thursday 8:30am-3:30pm and 6 additional sessions throughout the year.
  
  - Associated Programs  
Playgroup Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 during term time  
  
Pre-Entry/Orientation to Kindergarten  
Orientation programs offered to children prior to starting their preschool year, times are dependent on the number of current preschool enrolments so as not to exceed centre capacity.
  
  - Preschool Support – available for children with additional needs.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- See site website for Centre specific policies or Department for Education website as appropriate.

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Belonging, Being and Becoming: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values – Our philosophy is founded on our knowledge that early childhood development focuses on the whole child, and we support and celebrate differences while fostering the sense of identity and wellbeing in order to become effective communicators through connecting and contributing to their world.
- Specific curriculum approaches
  - \*The educators co-construct the curriculum with the children.
  - \*Each child’s learning journey at kindergarten is monitored, reviewed, supported and celebrated, with each child having a learning journey folder to display their learning and experiences.
  - \* The curriculum engages each child through meaningful and relevant experiences.
  - \* We support children to develop learning processes/dispositions, including: resilience, persistence, organisation, confidence, respect, responsibility, problem solving, curiosity and creativity, fostering the development of these life-long skills.
  - \* Children need lengths of uninterrupted time and (space to be alone, with a friend or a group of friends) to maximise learning opportunities.
  - \* The Indicators of Preschool Literacy and the Indicators of Preschool Numeracy are implemented as planning and assessment tools.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile

Director	1.0
Teacher	0.8
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Preschool Support Worker - allocated on a basis of need.

- Performance Management Program

Staff engage in meetings with their line manager twice per year. Site Review and reflection is an ongoing cycle of improvement aligning with the Quality Improvement Plan.

Access to special support staff – Support in the kindergarten process is accessed via referral to Department for Education Support Services.

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
- The single-story building provides a large open play space. The kindergarten has three airconditioners provided heating and cooling as required. The building has two office spaces which can be used by staff and one can be accessed for small group activities and visting support services.
- The outdoor environment has flexible and multiple uses, a fixed playground structure; nature play space with a bridge, climbing trees and dry creek bed, a large-shaded sandpit, cubby housed and large open play space that can be used for a variety of activities. The side yard provides more opportunities to learn through nature with vegetable gardens and some bush tucker plants. There is a large verandah with weather- proof blinds, providing additional outdoor space for a variety of weather conditions.
- Capacity: 41 per session
- Centre Ownership: Department for Education
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: - The adult toilet is wheelchair accessible, ramp is provided at the front entrance, a ramped outdoor play platform, paving and synthetic grass, wide gates and double entrance doors.

We are committed to ensure we are inclusive of all children.

## 6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:  
We have a diverse group of families attending our centre. A large employer in Port Pirie is Nyrstar Smelters, but also have many families from local businesses, farming and other professionals.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool  
The Governing Council comprises a group of parents who assist with decision making and promote fundraising activities. We hold family nights, have parent invited craft sessions and parents are invited to attend some excursions throughout the year.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: We generally feed into four local schools, Two Department for Education sites in Risdon Primary and Airdale Primary, additionally to two private schools St Mark's and Mid North Christian College.
- Other local care and educational facilities:  
Port Pirie West and Solomontown Primary School  
  
OSHC is provided at Airdale Primary School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:  
There are a number of large and small business servicing Port Pirie.
- Other local facilities  
There are many sporting facilities within Port Pirie, as well as a number of medical practices a regional hospital, police station, council chambers and a regional library.
- Availability of staff housing  
There are number of department and private houses within Port Pirie and surrounding areas.
- Accessibility  
Port Pirie is located approx. 200km from Adelaide. There is a public bus service travelling to and from Adelaide daily. The local airport does not have a domestic passenger service.
- Local Government  
Port Pirie Regional Council

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

We support the work of TLAP and the Environmental Health Centre in minimising the impact of lead in our environment.