



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 28/06/2019

Centre number: 3684

Centre name: Seaview Downs Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Janet Buxton
- Postal address
5a Hume Street, Seaview Downs SA 5049
- Location address
5a Hume Street, Seaview Downs SA
- DECD Partnership
Marion Coast
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
15 kms
- Telephone number
08 8296 3322
- Fax number
08 8377 1597
- Preschool website address
www.seaviewkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address
dl.3684.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
We currently have 45 eligible children enrolled. Attendance rate of children averages close to 90%.
- Co-located/stand-alone
Stand alone centre
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Preschool program for eligible children

Eligible children attend up to 30 hours per fortnight for up to 4 terms prior to commencing school. In 2019, children attend their sessions over 2 full days per week and an additional half day per fortnight on a Friday morning.

❖ Transition Program

When resources permit, a series of visits are offered during term 4 of the year prior to entry to the Preschool Program.

❖ Lunch / Full Day Program

On full days children are supervised at lunchtime by centre educators.

❖ Extended care / Emergency care

Before and after Kindergarten care and emergency care may be available in exceptional circumstances via negotiation with the Director.

❖ Bilingual Support

This program may be available to support children and families from non-English speaking backgrounds. Bilingual Support Workers are provided according to the centre's needs and the site allocation from DECD Bilingual Support Program.

❖ Preschool Support

Additional support to access the Preschool program may be available to children with additional needs through referral to the Department for Education's Support Services.

❖ Early entry and extended enrolment for eligible children

Children with additional needs may be able to access early entry or extended enrolment through negotiation with the Director.

❖ Playgroup

Playgroup is offered on Friday afternoons from 1:00pm – 2:30pm.

All families with under school age children are invited to attend.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Our centre priorities are linked to Department for Education priorities, Marion Coast Partnership Priorities and site specific improvement priorities. These include:
 - Program provision in line with the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
 - Wellbeing
 - Development of literacy skills
 - Numeracy skill development
 - Problem solving through strategic questioning
 - Improvement of our grounds and facilities with an emphasis on natural playspaces

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
The Early Years Learning Framework
Core Values:
 - Providing curriculum that ensures success and allows all children to build and express knowledge about their world through hands on multi sensory experience.
 - Creating emotionally safe learning environments that foster curiosity, collaborative exploration, imaginative play, critical thinking skills and a positive sense of self.
 - Providing a learning environment that allows each child to feel a sense of purpose, achievement and to be contributing member of a group.
 - Providing support and explicit teaching of skills in order to facilitate social development.
 - Encouraging language development and critical thinking skills through strategic questioning.
 - Developing and implementing positive behaviour guidance strategies that facilitate self-esteem, emotional self regulation and responsible decision making.
 - Creating a supportive working environment where staff feel valued, retain a sense of humour and are able to celebrate successes with each other as well as with families and children.

- Specific curriculum approaches:
 - Play based learning across all areas of the curriculum
 - Intentional teaching to scaffold the development of skills and understandings
 - A flexible approach that follows children's interests and supports learning in meaningful contexts
 - A focus on the development of oral language skills and critical thinking skills through strategic questioning

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
 - Director – full time
 - Teacher – full time
 - Early Childhood Worker – as required
 - Preschool Support Worker/s - according to current need and site allocation
 - Bilingual Support Worker/s - according to current need and site allocation
- Performance Management Program:
 - As per Department for Education guidelines
- Access to support staff:
 - Children and families may be eligible to access services such as Speech Pathology, Early Childhood Psychology, Social Worker, Preschool Support worker, Bilingual Support Worker or Special Educator through negotiation with the Director.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - Our Kindergarten is situated in a quite, secluded garden setting in the South West of the Marion Council area. The yard is large and incorporates several fantastic features including: large, shady trees, a challenging playground structure, a large, semi enclosed verandah area, edible garden and a lawned area. The building is a little over 50 years old and is leased by the Department for Education from the Marion Council.

Capacity (per session)

30 children

- Centre Ownership
Marion City Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities:
The centre does not currently provide easy accessibility to wheelchair users
(i.e. no ramps or disabled toilet facilities)