

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT Updated 22/2/22

1. General Information

Centre name

Surrey Downs Kindergarten and Occasional Care

Centre number

4663

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DECD District

North east

Geographical location- i.e. road distance from GPO (km)

18km

Enrolment/attendance

24 sessional enrolments

Approximately 40 families accessing Occasional Care Service with a high percentage of attendance

1. Early Entry

2. Pre Entry

Currently integrated within Kindergarten sessions

3. Sessional kindergarten for eligible children

Wed & Thurs 8:50-2:50

Friday 8:50- 11:50

4. Occasional Care Sessions

Ages 0-2, Tuesdays 8:50-11:50 am

Ages 2+ ; Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:50-11:50am

5. Extended care

N/A

6. Bilingual Support

Access when required

7. Preschool support

Access when required

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities – Inquiry Questions

Increase Child Directed Learning .

3. Curriculum

Framework used:

Early Years Learning Framework / Being Belonging Becoming

Core Values

Play based learning

Joint programmes

The Surrey Downs Community Village is an initiative whereby local education and care services are working together to promote quality care and education to the local community in the local community.

Surrey Downs Children's Centre- and the kindergarten work together to provide parents the opportunity for children to access the kindergarten with the child care staff dropping children to the kindergarten and Kindergarten Staff returning the children to Child Care after sessions.

Surrey Downs R-7- We have developed links with the school and have been doing termly visits to the library, where we use the smartboard and have books read by the librarian.

Family Day care- we have strong links with a local family day care provider who is involved in our Governing Council as

well as dropping off and picking up children from the kindergarten.

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile

Kindergarten

.7 Director, 0.5 Teacher, 0.2 Teacher, Early Childhood Worker 0.5, Early Childhood Worker 0.5 and 1 support worker (hours change depending on current needs)

Occasional Care

2 x Level 2 Early Childhood Workers (ECW2) run successful Occasional Care Program

Performance Management Program

Director reports to the Educational Director, Teachers, ECWs and Occasional Care Staff meet with the Director three times a year.

Access to special support staff

Children who may require support are referred to appropriate staff who assess them and allocate support for them or provide information as to best assist in their individual situation.

5. Centre Facilities

Building & Facilities

The kindergarten has a building located on large grounds surrounded by shrubs & trees. The grounds have recently been upgraded with a tree house, chook house & vegie garden. The Occasional Care program is integrated into the setting as of 2020

Capacity (per session) 40 Centre Ownership Department for Education

6. Local Community General characteristics:

Parent and community involvement in the preschool: A supportive Governing Council helps with promoting the kindy, fundraising and general policy sessions

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Surrey Downs R-7, Fairview Park Primary School, Kings Baptist Grammar School, St David's parish, Golden Grove Lutheran Primary, Torrens Valley Christian School, Pedare Christian College & trinity College.

Other local care and education facilities, e.g. child care, schools, OSHC: Surrey Downs Children's Centre, Family Day Care, Out of School Hours Care

Local Metro bus stop directly opposite kindergarten services Adelaide Metro area, private bus service available to access Adelaide Hills area from tea Tree Plaza.

Adjacent to sporting ground where various sports are played including baseball. Medical centre and Pharmacy at Surrey Downs Shopping Centre just down the road and Waterworld.

Local Government body: City of Tea Tree Gully - 08 8397 7444

Availability of staff housing -N/A