



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

"A Place Where Children Grow"

Tailem Bend Kindergarten & Rural Care Philosophy

At Tailem Bend Kindergarten & Rural Care:

"All children will experience quality play based learning that is exciting, engaging and continues to build success for life-long learning."

Tailem Bend Kindergarten & Rural Care provides high quality Education and Care for children, families and community while working in partnership with Government and Non-Government agencies and local community services. The Tailem Bend Kindergarten offers children access to 15 hours of preschool. The values of caring, respect, equity, honesty, optimism and commitment are the foundations of the quality relationships, interactions and communication with children, staff and families as they learn and grow together in a welcoming and stimulating learning environment.

We believe at Tailem Bend Kindergarten & Rural Care that our children learn and develop in a learning environment that supports every child's individual needs, interests and abilities. Opportunities are provided for small, large group and intentional teaching/learning experiences. These opportunities provide effectively learning through play and hands on experiences, encouraging individual investigation, exploration and development.

We support and encourage children's learning and development by:

- Providing a constructivist approach to children's learning, scaffolding their learning opportunities and building from acquired knowledge.
- Implementing the curriculum around the Early Years Learning Framework - 'Belonging, Being, Becoming' DECD Curriculum Framework, which encompasses the importance of child exploration, experimentation, self-identity, cooperation, community and family involvement, imagination and creativity, independence and interdependence.
- Providing an environment that is supportive, secure and caring, whilst encouraging enjoyment, adventure, exploration and collaboration.
- Maintaining the positive and valuable support of our families and Tailem Bend community, by providing opportunities for family participation, involving the children in their community and the community in the kindergarten.
- Providing educators at Tailem Bend Kindergarten & Rural Care the opportunity to gain further skills and knowledge. To embrace each child's fascination and wonder, and to provide an environment that is stimulating, warm and secure for each and every child.
- Welcoming parents to be involved in their child's kindergarten and maintaining an open door policy at all times and working in collaboration with parents in relation to their child's interests, needs and abilities.