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PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Oct 2017

Centre number: 6670

Centre name: Tumby Bay Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Ginny McTaggart
- Postal address.
P.O. Box 135, Tumby Bay 5605 SA
- Location address
Freeman Street Tumby Bay
- DECD Partnership : Central Eyre
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 600 Km
- Telephone number (080 86882108
- Fax number (08) 86882858
- Preschool website address: www.tumbybaykgn.sa.edu.au

- Preschool e-mail address
ginny.mctaggart145@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
28:26
- Co-located/stand-alone
Stand alone

Programs operating at the preschool

We have universal access where eligible children have access to 15 hours of preschool per week. Five sessions are offered as 2 full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Wednesday afternoon

☞ Rural Care - Long Day Care 5 days per week 8 am – 6 pm

☞ Play group Wednesdays 9.30 – 11.30 am

☞ Lunch/Full Day Program Lunch time care is provided on full day sessional Kindergarten Days

2. Key Centre Policies

- Statement of Philosophy

Our vision is to provide a high quality, play based program which values children's prior knowledge and experiences and focuses on their learning and well-being, while developing strong partnerships between parents, who are the Child's first and most influential teachers, staff and community. Our Kindergarten curriculum develops children's confidence, independence, knowledge and understanding of their world in a safe, nurturing and beautiful environment.

3. Curriculum

The Early Years Learning Framework - Belonging, Being and Becoming- is used for Curriculum Planning Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework

Our Curriculum is play based and scaffolds learning in all developmental areas and follows the interests, strengths and needs of both individual and the group.

Specific Curriculum Planning

- **Specific curriculum approaches .**

- Our Curriculum is play based and scaffolds learning in all developmental areas and follows the interests, strengths and needs of both individual and the group
- Educators take the time to listen to and observe the children, and question them to help them clarify their theories about their world
- Educators discuss and reflect on the children's learning, interests and ideas to plan the curriculum
- Conversation with parents, often in response to their feedback from learning and development, and supports the educators in reflecting on and improving their pedagogy
- The "Implementation Guidelines for Indicators of Preschool Numeracy and Literacy" is key document for assessing and reflecting on Children's numeracy and literacy learning
- The principles of the Reggio Emilia Schools are incorporated into our teaching practice. Children are seen as capable and competent learners. Children's voice is highly valued, and listening to children informs the curriculum. The environment is considered the 'third teacher' and consequently the educators carefully and thoughtfully set the environment to provoke opportunities for the children to explore, discover, question, problem solve, collaborate and communicate in a variety of ways.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Pre School-
Director PSD 2 -0.8
Teacher – 0.6
Rural Care
ECW2 staff provide long day Child Care Monday – Friday 8 am – 6 pm
Playgroup Coordinator – 3 hours per week
- Access to special support staff
Eyre District Support Staff work closely with staff, children and families. A speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist from the Child Development Unit located at Port Lincoln Hospital and Lower Eyre Health in Tumby Bay visit centre regularly

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
The Building is a stand alone preschool situated on a quiet street. The outdoor environment is large with shady trees, ample lawn and sand areas with fixed and movable play equipment and a balance of quiet and active areas.

Capacity (per session) -42
- Centre Ownership- Department for Education and Child Development
- Access for children and staff with disabilities - The building has been designed to enable access for children and adults with disabilities
- Other
Children at this centre access the school bus network which serves the districts of Ungarra, Port Neill and Tumby Bay

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Parent and community involvement in the preschool - Parent involvement in the preschool is encouraged
This centre has a strong Governing Council who are involved in policy development, manage finances and decision making relevant to the running of the centre. Parents are also involved in fundraising, cleaning rosters and working bees.
Staff work with parents to involve them in their child's learning and for working parents emails and newsletters, text messages are used to strengthen communication
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool – Tumby bay Area school, Unfgarra primary School, Port Neill primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities, Tumby bay Area School
(Reception – Year 12)
OSHC at Tumby Bay Area School for children from 4 years of age
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities- Tumby Bay is serviced by a variety of businesses including 2 supermarkets, a pharmacy, hardware store, bank and post office, Caravan park, Hotels, Cafes, Bakery and Community Library with free WiFi
- Other local facilities
Include a medical clinic, a hospital with visiting specialists, and a dental clinic. A variety of sporting clubs provide recreational opportunities including, football, netball, tennis, basketball, bowls, sailing and an excellent swimming beach
- Availability of staff housing
Government Housing suitable for families is available in Tumby Bay
- Accessibility
Tumby Bay 50 Km road trip from Port Lincoln and 30 mins from Port Lincoln airport
There are 2 airlines each providing several 45 min flights daily from Port Lincoln to Adelaide , costing approx. \$250 return.
- Local Government
Tumby Bay District Council –
Phone 86882101 has publications available describing the local area

