



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: June 2015

Centre number: 6648

Centre name: Orroroo Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Ros Bowman
- Postal address: West Tce., Orroroo SA 5431
- Location address: West Tce., Orroroo SA 5431
- DECD Region: Flinders Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 250Km
- Telephone number: 86581008
- Fax number: 86581355
- Preschool website address: www.orrerookgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: ros.bowman624@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Our enrolments have averaged 10 and attendance has been 90%.
- The Kindergarten is situated at the northern end of the Orroroo Area School. We are a stand alone site.
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ⊞ Pre Entry – 1 session / week in weeks 1-6 of Term 4.
 - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: Every Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am – 3.15pm and Alternate Wednesdays in Terms 3 & 4: 8.30am – 3.15pm in 2015 under the Universal Access policy.

⌘ Occasional Care (funded)
Every Thursday: 8.30am – 11.30am

⌘ Lunch/Full Day Program

⌘ Preschool Support

⌘ Bus: children access school bus services to attend kindergarten.

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

- We aim to provide a safe, creative, learning environment where children can explore, create and relate to children and adults within a play based curriculum. A place where they can develop life skills in partnership with families and the wider community.

3. Curriculum

Framework used:

Early Years Framework

Core Values

Children are supported when:

- there are strong links of communication between their families, staff, DECD and the broader community and they work together to achieve their goals.
- Children have security in a safe, caring environment.
- Children are part of an inclusive centre where staff and programs are warm, welcoming and accepting of differences.
- Special Needs: are addressed as the need arises and in liaison with DECD's Disability Coordinator.
- Special curriculum features: The centre operates 2 full days per week to allow all rural children to access the service through school bus routes.
- Early Childhood Pedagogy: Learning through play with the children's needs, interests and skills guiding planning. We incorporate intentional teaching with a strong emphasis on Oral Language; Numeracy and motor skills. We use the Early Years Framework to plan and assess around the 5 Learning outcome areas.

- Assessment procedures and reporting: Parent interview process at the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3.
- Early Years Learning Framework Quilt used to: record Learning outcomes; create Individual Learning Plans for each child and plan the weekly programme. Oral Language data is collected using the TROLL data collecting tool.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Director (.6) - Ros Bowman
ECW (.5)
ECW 2 (5 hours / week) funded Occasional Care
 Performance Management Program
- Performance management program: Program conducted weekly through verbal discussions and debriefing after each session and at fortnightly staff meetings
- Access to special support staff: Personnel Counsellor available

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds

- Buildings and grounds: One prefab building on Minister's Land. Capacity: 24 place centre
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities

6. Local Community

General characteristics:

- Constitution: Ratified each at AGM.
- Decision making structures: Kindergarten Governing Council with most or all of families represented where decisions are made on a majority vote.
- Regular Publications: Parent Newsletter printed fortnightly
- Other communication processes: Notice Board, speaking directly to parents, phone calls; e-mail.
- Children generally transfer from this preschool to Orroroo Area School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
- Other local facilities
Medical Centre; Hospital; local sports clubs and gym.
- Accessibility
Bus transport
 - Local Government: District Council of Orroroo/Carrieton
 - A crèche operates at the kindy on Mondays through Outback Childcare SA.

7. Further Comments

Partnership arrangements with other groups

- Orroroo Kindergarten belongs to The Flinders Cluster.
- Regular leadership meetings are held each term.