PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

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.orrorookgn.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

7. **Further Comments**

   **Partnership arrangements with other groups**
   - Orroroo Kindergarten belongs to The Flinders Cluster.
   - Regular leadership meetings are held each term.