



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 07/12

Centre number: 3645

Centre name: Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Maddy Stewardson
- Postal address: 45 Barramundi Dve, Hallett Cove. 5158.
- Location address: as above
- DECD Region: Southern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 22 km
- Telephone number: 83819154
- Fax number: 83228759
- Preschool website address: www.karrarakgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: info@karrarakgn.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance:
2010: average 37 four year olds
2011: average 44 four year olds
2012: average 49 four year olds
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand-alone site

- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Pre Entry: integrated in sessions
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: 15 hours of preschool offered as a combination of full and half days or only half days.
Monday to Friday am
Monday to Thursday pm
Parents choose the days they wish to attend and the configuration of the sessions. Session sizes are capped in accordance with NQS staffing ratios.
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program: a user-pays lunch care program runs Monday to Thursday to allow families to access 2 sessions together as a full day. 2 staff and parent volunteers support this program.
 - ❖ Bilingual Support: As required
 - ❖ Preschool Support: As required

2. Key Centre Policies

Vision statement: Learning for Life: Discovery, Imagination, Play

Framework Used: Early Years Learning Framework

Our curriculum is based on the Early Years Learning Framework:

Young children learn most effectively when

- ❖ their interests and voice are included in the programme
- ❖ connections are made with what the children already know
- ❖ they engage in meaningful hands-on experiences
- ❖ there are high quality communications and relationships between children and staff members

Our Site is committed to improving literacy for all children and our relationships with the community. In 2012 these specifically include:

Literacy for Learning: Improvement in children's understanding and use of high level oral language in play.

Engagement for Learning: Strengthen respectful, reciprocal and supportive relationships with children, families, staff and broader community.

Our site philosophy is currently under review.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: The Early Years Learning Framework. Our Curriculum is based on knowledge of child development theories. We will provide a constructivist and play based curriculum that supports each child and one that develops individual children's interests. We will provide a curriculum that acknowledges that children learn best through hands on experiences that are meaningful to them and that children learn in different ways. Our curriculum focuses on developing a positive attitude to learning and the skills and dispositions which support these. Our approach values Intentional Teaching and a regular critical reflection on our pedagogy.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: Director 1.0, Teacher 1.0, Universal Access Teacher 0.4 (converted to 0.7 ECW time)
- Access to special support staff: Services from DECD and other agencies accessed as required.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten was opened in 1985. The building and grounds are well developed and maintained. The outdoor area includes a boat, jetty and seal sculpture to reflect our coastal environment. A wiltja and other natural play spaces connect children to our Aboriginal history and our environment. We have 2 large veggie beds which support our cooking in the kindergarten and children's understanding of food production. We have completed 2 years of a 5 year plan for the outdoor environment upgrade.
- Capacity (per session) 41
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Yes
- Other