



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 31/10/2022

Centre number: 3645

Centre name: Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Rebecca Harrison
- Postal address: 45 Barramundi Dve, Hallett Cove, 5158
- Location address: As Above
- DECS Region: Marion Coast
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
- Telephone number: 8381 9154
- Preschool website address: <https://karrarakgn.sa.edu.au>
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3645.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
(to be advised)
- Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the preschool

Playgroup

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Bilingual Support

Preschool Support

OHSC at Hallett Cove East Primary School (morning and afternoon)

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities
Learning through play, inquiry, literacy, numeracy, well-being, sustainability, working with Kaurna elders

Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten Philosophy
(Created by 2022 children, staff, and families)

Karrara children believe they have a right to “play, learn, be safe, have fun, make friends, be kind and have diverse and engaging experiences”. We continuously reflect on our teaching pedagogy and practice to ensure that we are continuously evolving.

The Hallett Cove Karrara team believe that children are competent, curious and capable. We acknowledge each child’s potential and desire to learn. We continuously reflect on our teaching pedagogy and practice to ensure that we are continuously evolving.

We value play-based learning. We program for innovative and inspiring experiences that encourage children’s multiple ways of thinking and problem-solving skills. As children learn through inquiry, educators listen to children and transcribe their questions, conversations about their interests and prior knowledge to develop their research, wonderings, hypothesis, theories, and discoveries about their world. We develop documentation as a shared learning journey between educators, children, and families.

We believe that children co-construct learning through collaborative interactions with each other. We encourage children to express themselves through verbal and written communication, e.g., drama, drawing; painting; building; sculpture.

We believe that the environment is the third teacher and children learn through risk taking and their surroundings, both indoors and outdoors. We provide children with open-ended resources that challenge their thinking and inspire their curiosity for learning.

We support children’s well-being and relationships by incorporating approaches such as the Zones of Regulation and the Kimochi program.

Children learn on Kaurna Land and we teach them to care for Country, our plants, and animals through a sustainable program. We value partnership with families, the local school, TAFE and University students and Kaurna elders so we walk side by side in children’s learning both in the Kindergarten and outside in the community.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework, National Quality Standards
- Core Values: Respect, creativity, sustainability, diversity, inclusion, partnerships.

- Specific curriculum approaches: Learning through play; celebrating cultural diversity; focus on Literacy and Numeracy; building social skills and positive dispositions for learning.
- Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum: Early years Band ages 3-5, is implemented at Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects: Working side by side with a Kaurna elder

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
- Staff Profile Director 1.0
- Teacher 1.0
- Teacher 0.5
- Early Childhood Worker: 0.6 (permanent)
- Early Childhood Worker:
- Performance Management Program All staff are included in the Performance Management Program, twice a year.
- Access to special support staff: Staff are employed on individual needs.
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- Bilingual staff employed to support children

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds Hallett Cove Karrara Kindergarten was purpose built in 1984.
- There is a main indoor learning area, with one large group time room. There is a double office and two storerooms. The verandah is enclosed with clear blinds, and the spacious outdoor learning area includes a creek, reconciliation walk, vegetable patch, amphitheatre, sand pit, and lawn area. It is shaded by mature trees. The yard was upgraded in 2021 a new creek, a new mud kitchen in 2022 and a vegetable garden and reconciliation walk in 2022. The Hallett Cove East Primary School is one block away.

- Capacity: 33-44 per day
- Centre Ownership
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
- Other

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
- Families from many cultures attend the centre, including Japanese, Nepalese, New Zealand, Scottish, Greek, Italian, Samoan, French, South African and Indian
- and community involvement in the preschool
We have a Governing Council that help the kindergarten community with decision making. Meetings are held twice a term.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Hallett Cove East Primary School, St Martins De Porris, Hallett Cove R-12, Hallett Cove South, Woodend Children's Centre, Shiedow Park Primary School
Next door there is a bakery, Vietnamese shop, chicken and fish shop, Karrara pizza, Indian take-away, hairdresser
- Other local care and educational facilities,
Edge Child Care Centre on the same road, Hallett Cove East Primary School and OHSC
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
N/A
- Other local facilities
Hallett Cove Shopping Centre is less that 5 minute drive, Cove Civic Centre, Library, Medical Centres, Hallett Cove Football Club

Availability of staff housing

Homes are available to

- Accessibility
Bus Services [Route 681A - Adelaide Metro](#)
- Local Government
Marion Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
The centre is part of the Marion Coast Educational Partnership.