



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT Updated: 26/03/2021

**Centre number: 3683**

**Centre name: South Port Kindergarten**

## 1. General information

- Acting Preschool Director : Bonnie Sibley
- Postal address : 39 Jane Street, Port Noarlunga South 5167
- Location address: as above (located on the same site as the South Port Primary School)
- DfE Partnership: River Hub Partnership
- Geographical location – 40 km from CBD. Located in the suburb of Port Noarlunga South and between Commercial Road and before Seaford Road
- Telephone number : 83272280
- Fax number : 83863745 (the school fax number)
- Preschool website address: [www.southportkqn.sa.edu.au](http://www.southportkqn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address : dl.3683leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance  
Enrolment numbers over the last 5 years have fluctuated between 60 and 70 children. As a category 1 centre in 2021 our numbers are capped at 70. Attendance has fluctuated, however there has been an improvement with numbers attending-especially on Friday mornings when numbers in previous years were often low).
- Co-located with South Port Primary School



- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Sessional kindergarten for eligible children (2 groups: Monday/Tuesday and Wednesday/Thursday –with each attending alternate Friday mornings)
  - Playgroup on Friday mornings is called ‘Family Connections’ and is for children registering to attend South Port Kindergarten the following year. It is offered alongside the kindergarten program.
  - Lunch/Full Day Program
  - Bilingual Support- can be offered
  - Preschool Support

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Both our Philosophy and Priorities are available to read in our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (reviewed and updated annually)
- A Policy Folder is available for families and staff and includes the following policies:
  - Behaviour Support
  - Hot Weather
  - Medical and Health
  - Collection and Attendance
  - Priority of Access
  - SunSmart
  - Along with a selection of DfE Policies and Procedures

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework (Belonging Being Becoming)
- Core Values- we celebrate child centred learning, caring and curiosity
- Specific curriculum approaches: Implementation Guidelines for Indicators of Preschool Numeracy and Literacy, the Respect Reflect Relate document as a tool, Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum, Nature play.

- Our priorities are further explained in our PQIP (Preschool Quality Improvement Plan) which is reviewed annually. In our kindergarten's educational program, the priorities include:
  1. Supporting children's literacy -especially focussing on oral language.
  2. Focussing on children's learning dispositions using the Respect Reflect Relate tool.
  3. Numeracy
- Our kindergarten is continuing to develop our outdoor learning environment to ensure a wide range of learning opportunities for numeracy, literacy, exploration, creativity and problem solving. There is a focus on nature play and in developing a strong connection and respect for the environment. This includes embedding sustainable practices in the kindy that will extend and support the home environment.

The learning environment is one which challenges, engages and stretches children as our team of educators work in partnership with families to implement a play- based curriculum.

#### 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 1.0 Director  
1.0 Teacher and a 0.4 Teacher (Universal Access)  
2.0 0.5 Early Child Workers plus further Early Assistance and Preschool Support  
Part time Finance Worker
- Staff to child ratio: 1:10
- Performance Management Program  
All staff meet with the Director twice per year
- Access to special support staff :  
The Department for Education provides additional support - the support personnel includes Special Educators, Psychologists and Speech Pathologists.
- Preschool Support and Bilingual Assistance is available if required.

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds  
Our kindergarten is situated on the same site as South Port Primary School. Being co-located enables opportunities for both the kindergarten and the school to work closely together.  
Our indoor learning environment is spacious with lovely natural lighting. There are areas to enable separate smaller group times.  
Improvements have been made to the outdoor learning environment to incorporate a strong focus on children being connected with and engaged with nature. This includes native gardens, a mudpit and a butterfly garden.
- Capacity  
Currently, as a Category 1 site, there is a capacity for 40 children on Monday and Tuesday and 30 children on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Centre Ownership is DfE (Department for Education)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities  
There is a Disability Carpark and access to a Disability Toilet

## 6. Local Community

- General characteristics:  
The kindergarten is situated in the Onkaparinga Council, near the southern beaches in a growing outer metropolitan suburb.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool:  
Kindergarten staff work in close partnership with families. There is a joint Governing Council with the school. Family Connections is our play group. Families can attend when their child will be starting kindy at South Port Kindergarten the following year.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:  
A large proportion of our children will continue through into the school that we are situated with (South Port Primary School). A range of other schools include Moana Primary, All Saints Catholic School, Port Noarlunga Primary, Old Noarlunga Primary, McLaren Vale Primary and Seaford Rise Primary School.
- Other local care and educational facilities:  
Seaford Early Learning Centre
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:  
There is a range of shopping available in several nearby locations- in Seaford Meadows, Seaford Rise, Port Noarlunga South and Seaford



- Other local facilities:  
Sporting clubs, the Seaford Ecumenical Mission, a Community Centre and various medical facilities are available
- Accessibility  
Both bus and train services

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups  
Our kindergarten is one of 4 kindergartens and 6 schools in our area that work closely together in a supportive partnership. The River Hub Partnership has a strong focus on resilience, literacy and numeracy.