PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Sept 2014

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: Yorke and Mid North (Y&MN)
- 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 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, Reading and Writing data is collected using the TROLL data collecting tool.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  
  Director (.6) - Ros Bowman
  
  ECW (.4)
  
  ECW 2 (4.5 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 Management Committee 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; suggestion box.
   - 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.