



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: August 2017

Centre number: 6537

Centre name: Naracoorte North Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
 - Jillian Wight
- Postal address
 - 39 Park Terrace, Naracoorte, SA.5271
- Location address
 - 39 Park Terrace, Naracoorte, SA. 5271
- DECD Region
 - Tatiara- Wrattontully
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
 - 345 km. South of Adelaide
- Telephone number
 - 87621581/ 0409621581
- Fax number
 - 87623392
- Preschool website address:
 - www.naracoortekgn.sa.edu.au

- Preschool e-mail address
 - dl.6537_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

- Enrolment/Attendance
 - With a ratio of 1:11, the Kindergarten has an enrolment cap of 60 (2017) and 55- 2018
- Co-located/stand-alone
 - The Kindergarten is co-located with the Naracoorte Child Day Care Centre (a 35 place Centre) in the Childhood Services Centre, and is adjacent to the Naracoorte Primary School.
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - Pre Entry – Is available to children commencing Kindergarten the following year, - if we are able to resource it. This depends upon session numbers, site capacity and staffing.

 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children- Children are entitled to 15 hours of preschool education in the year prior to starting school. Sessions are worked to suit family needs, Child Care bookings and bus travel and vacancies. Children attend either 2 ½ days a week or a 5 day fortnight

 - Occasional Care - Not Applicable

 - Extended Care- This is available if necessary.

 - Lunch/Full Day Program – The Kindergarten offers a lunch program to all children. Families are not charged for this time.

 - Bilingual Support – The Kindergarten offers Bilingual Support to children who meet the criteria for funding, as set out by DECD.

 - Preschool Support – Preschool Support and Early Intervention Support hours are provided to children who are eligible based on assessments made by the DECD Support Services. Support time is funded through the DECD Preschools Support Program.

 - Play group - Play group is offered Monday – Thursday mornings, 9.30 to 11.00am and Monday-Thursday afternoons, 1.00 to 2.30 pm. Sessions are limited to 7 families per session and families are required to book.

- Bus Travel – Children are able to travel to and from Kindergarten by School bus. They are met in the morning, at the Naracoorte Primary School, by a Kindergarten Staff member, between 8.25 and 8.40 am. The children then walk back to Kindergarten. In the afternoon a Staff member takes the children back to the school to travel home on the buses -

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose/ Philosophy
 - Please refer to the Information Booklet.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
 - Belonging, Being and Becoming; Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
- Core Values
 - Respect, Relationships
- Specific curriculum approaches
 - Centre Priorities –Quality Improvement Plan (QIP)
 - Broad Base Curriculum which embraces Belonging, Being and Becoming (EYLF) and Playful Pedagogies for confident and involved learners.
 - Sustainability
 - Children’s learning and achievements are valued and respected
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
 - We have a strong working relationship with the co-located Child Care Centre-with staff working across both sites.
 - We enjoy regular reciprocal visits with the Naracoorte Primary School – Foundation classes.
 - Orientation programs for all children are arranged to their school of choice, prior to commencing school.
 - Play group is available

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - 1 full time Director
 - 1 full time Teacher
 - 1 ECW working 0.8
 - 1ECW working 0.2
 - 3 ECW’S working a total of 15 hours per week RAAP funding
 - 2 ECW’S working Universal Access hours
 - 1 ECW working Preschool Support and Bilingual hour

- Performance Management Program
 - Staff engage in Performance Reviews – with plans linked to the Centres Quality Improvement Plan, National Standards for teachers and their own personal areas of interest.

Access to special support staff

- The Kindergarten can access a range of Support Services via a referral process, through DECD Intergrated Support Services. Other support services are available through Community Health, C&YH. Other services (Adelaide) are available when/as needed.
- Other
 - Bilingual Support is available
 - Certificate 111 and Diploma Students as well as Student Teachers and Work Experience Students.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - The Childhood Services Centre – incorporating the Naracoorte North Kindergarten and the Child Care Centre was built in 1978 and extended in 1988. The centre is adjacent to the Naracoorte Primary School and the Sporting Complex is nearby. Natural Parklands and walking trails border the back of the Centre.
 - The Kindergarten has a courtyard and two large open indoor learning areas, with spaces that can be changed and adapted to meet learning needs.
 - The children's bathroom and the office have been remodelled.
 - A large covered pergola, at the rear of the Kindergarten, expands the length of the building. Fans have been installed.
 - The Outdoor Learning environment has paved areas and expansive lawns for energetic play as well as a barked area with shrubs, logs and rocks. This area is bordered by a beautiful watercourse and creek – which flows into the digging patch – near the mud kitchen.
 - The grounds are well shaded with huge deciduous trees.
 - The sandpit area is undercover.
 - Other areas have a cubby house, swing area and a boat
 - There are two vegetable and herb garden beds. These are Wicking beds – established for sustainability.
 - Both the indoor and outdoor learning environments are equipped for disabled access.
- Capacity (per session)
 - Floor Capacity 44

- Centre Ownership - DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities - Yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
 - Naracoorte has a growing migrant community. Its population is approximately 5,000. The Naracoorte/Lucindale Council area's population being 8,291 (2016 census).
 - Naracoorte is a large farming community, cropping as well as livestock. It is central to the well known Coonawarra, Padthaway and Wrattontully wine districts, and has a Meat works. These industries provide employment for the local community.
 - The World Heritage Naracoorte Caves are a very popular tourist destination, with a Café and information Centre.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool

Parents are encouraged to visit and spend time at the Kindergarten during session times and/or stay in the morning for 15 minutes and engage in what is happening. Playgroup operates Monday through to Thursday mornings, with a maximum of 7 families enrolled in each session. Playgroup is also available during the afternoons. The Governing Council's AGM is held in February. Meetings are held each month. Parents involved in the Governing Council are an involved group, ensuring the needs of the Centre are met. We link into the Community through our programs.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

Our main 'Feeder' School is the Naracoorte Primary School. Children also attend the Naracoorte South Primary School, Frances, Apsley, Edenhope and Sunrise Christian School.
- Other local care and educational facilities,

A Co located Child Care Centre, a Private Childcare Centre, Occasional Care, Family Day Care, OSHC, 3 Primary Schools [Including the private Sunrise Primary School] and a High School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

Naracoorte has two large supermarkets, IGA and Woolworths, a fresh fruit and Vegetable shop, ('The Veg Shed') an Asian Supermarket in the Woolworths complex, and a Middle Eastern, Daily Market. Naracoorte has a large shopping centre with an excellent variety of shops. There are many successful

small and large business enterprises, including Mini Jumbuck [produces of woollen products], several restaurants and hotels, motels and coffee shops.

- Other local facilities
 - Sport plays a big part in the social life of Naracoorte, Football, Netball, Hockey, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball.
 - There is a new Medical Clinic and a Hospital. Naracoorte is also fortunate to have many visiting Specialists.
 - Naracoorte has a beautiful swimming lake and a caravan park.
- Availability of staff housing

Some Government Employee Housing is available. Houses are also available to rent or purchase through the local Real Estate Agents.
- Accessibility

Naracoorte is situated about 345km's South of Adelaide, and 450km's north west of Melbourne.

A Bus service is available to and from Adelaide most days.

Mt Gambier is 100kms south of Naracoorte and an air service is available from there
- Local Government

Naracoorte Lucindale Council.
DeGaris Place 87601100
www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

The Director regularly participates in Partnership meetings (twice a term) in either Bordertown or Naracoorte, with other Leaders within the Tatiara/Wrattonbully Partnership. During the year, the Partnership organizes Student Free Days, so that all staff are involved in specific Professional Learning Opportunities – based on Partnership Priorities.

As a site, we have a close affiliation with the Foundation years at the adjacent Naracoorte Primary school and during the course of the previous years have developed a very strong working relationship.

We are Co Located with the Naracoorte Child Day Care Centre, in the Childhood Services Building.

The Directors from each site work together and meet regularly about joint priorities and decisions, joint purchases, contractors, building management, enrolments, policies and procedures, children's sessions/bookings, and staffing etc.

We have aligned policies and procedures, a Statement of Purpose and our Philosophy.

