



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: September 2017

Centre number: 6561

Centre name: Rendelsham Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Jennifer Smibert
- Postal address: Nilsson Street Rendelsham
- Location address: Nilsson Street Rendelsham
- DECD Partnership: South East Coast and Vines
- Geographical location – Limestone Coast 400 ks from Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number: 0887354237
- Fax number: 0887354335
- Preschool website address:
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.6561_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: average of 6 children in 4 year old program and Average x 5 children in 3 year old program
- Co-located/stand-alone. Stand alone and located at Rendelsham Primary School
- Programs operating at the preschool:
 - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children - 4 year olds.
 - ⊞ Occasional Care/Three Year Old Program: Unfunded - for children who have turned 3 Years of age in their year prior to eligible kindergarten, a priority of access applies.

- ⌘ Associated Programs: early entry, transition program, playgroup (operating concurrently with kindergarten programs one day a week)
- ⌘ Lunch/Full Day Program available for all 4 year old and 3year old programs. Connects with school bus services for 4 year olds
- ⌘ DECD Preschool Support including Community Health Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities

Our priority is to provide high quality education and care for all children through the building of high quality relationships. We believe in the importance of developing the whole child and engaging them in learning experiences of language, literacy and numeracy promoting children's well being. We aim to develop powerful learners who are communicative, confident, cooperative, purposeful, curious and resourceful individuals.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework, Respect Reflect Relate and Preschool Literacy and Numeracy Indicators. Educator's reflective practice moderates planning and reporting of children's learning.
- Core Values: To deliver best practice in a high quality caring, learning environment to support families to give all children the best start in life.
- Specific curriculum approaches: a play based learning program which supports independent, motivated and involved powerful learners.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects:
Results Plus pedagogical change (Partnership)
Participation in 'Exceeding to Excellent' project.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile – Director 0.6 (including Universal Access)
E.C.W. 0.6 (including U.A.)
Stable staff team
- Performance Management Program – in place for educators

- Access to special support staff as required, both funded and unfunded.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds: Kindergarten building (approx. 25 years old) is purpose built and very well maintained through Gov Council planning, fundraising, various grants and DECD support. Kindergarten has a small and sloping outdoor learning area with shaded and protected areas, platforms, garden, natural areas and an authentic decking boat area. We enjoy simple direct access to the large and natural play ground areas/oval of Rendelsham Primary School and explore beyond to the natural vegetation and bushlands of our environment.
- Capacity: Our building is small and is capped at at 15 child maximum (DECD)
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Available.
- Other

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: rural setting in Rendelsham. Kindy supports the families of Southend and Hatherliegh. Families are mostly employed in the local fishing and agricultural industries.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool is high level. Governing Council membership is high. Connections with local associations, kindergartens in Millicent and community (library, road safety, resources etc)
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
Rendelsham Primary School & St Anthony's Catholic School Millicent by bus.
- Other local care and educational facilities: Rendelsham Kindergarten is the sole Early Childhood Service (0-5 years) available to families.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: Shopping facilities are available in Millicent and Mt Gambier (15ks and 65Ks respectively)
- Other local facilities: medical facilities are available in Beachport Millicent and Mt Gambier. Sporting facilities and multiple recreational options are available to families in Millicent/Hatherliegh/ Southend/Beachport/Mt Gambier
- Availability of staff housing: Some availability.
- Accessibility: 400 ks road trip to Adelaide +4 hours. 65 Ks to Mt Gambier airport with daily flights to Adelaide and Melbourne.
- Local Government: Wattle Range Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
SECAV and Blue Lake Partnerships have historically worked together to deliver and improve education for children in the Limestone Coast. This continues across a range of networking groups and in particular for our professional learning pursuits.
Early Childhood networks proliferate, offering opportunities for formal, relaxed, and incidental collegial connections and support. Relationships among leaders are well developed and based on trust and positive professional interactions between similar age level educators and the vertical grouping of our cohort.