



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 07/17

**Centre number:** 3621

**Centre name:** Coorara Preschool Centre

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director – Joy Klein
- Postal address – 22 Matison Road Morphett Vale SA 5162
- Location address – as above
- DECD Partnership - Panalatinga
- Geographical location – 27km from Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number – (08) 8325 0866
- Fax number – n/a
- Preschool website address – [www.coorarapre.sa.edu.au](http://www.coorarapre.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address – [dl.3621\\_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.3621_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance –  
2017 enrolments: 17 – 18,  
2016 enrolments: 22 – 25, attendances: 87%  
2015 enrolments: 15 – 18, attendances: 94%  
2014 enrolments: 18 – 22, attendances: 85%

- Stand alone, adjacent to Coorara Primary School
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children – Tuesdays 8.30 – 3.00, Wednesdays 8.30 – 3.00, alternate Thursdays 8.30 – 12.30
  - ⊞ Associated Programs – Playgroup offered during kindy session on the alternate Thursdays, 9.00 – 11.00.
    - Pre-entry Sessions – Thursday afternoons Term 4, 2017 - a series of five 'come and play' sessions for 90 minutes for children enrolled for 2018.
  - ⊞ Bilingual Support – available and arranged to meet children and family needs.
  - ⊞ Preschool Support – support is available for children with additional needs, including speech and language, development delays, behaviour and physical needs. Extra staff are contracted to work with individual children and in small groups.

## 2. Key Policies / Philosophy

### Coorara Preschool

#### Our Philosophy

- Coorara – “Meeting Place Under the Clouds”
- Coorara Preschool is a community of life-long learners who share a sense of 'belonging' and work together in partnership in a warm, nurturing and respectful environment.
- It is a place where children celebrate 'being' and participate in stimulating and challenging play-based learning – where they can explore, engage, interact, discover, imagine, create, inquire and grow.
- It is a place where 'becoming' is valued – high expectations and equity for all the community where children are encouraged in their journey to be engaged and contributing learners.

#### Our Values

Respect  
 Confidence  
 Getting Along  
 Resilience  
 Persistence  
 Organisation

### **3. Curriculum**

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Specific curriculum approaches – play-based learning, with a particular focus on the development of the social skills and dispositions for learning that form the basis for children’s literacy and numeracy learning. Individual learning plans are developed in consultation with parents based on children’s interests and needs, and developed goals inform the site learning plan. The ‘You Can Do it’ and PALS (Playing and Learning to Socialise) programmes are used, as well as the Child Protection Curriculum. This year Coorara Preschool has become an ELLA (Early Learning Languages Australia) site with Spanish as our chosen language.

### **4. Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile – Director 0.6, Teacher 0.6, Early Childhood Worker 0.6 (ECW if enrolments are over 20)
- Performance Management Program – Bi-annual review for all staff
- Access to special support staff – Additional ECW hours allocated according to needs of children enrolled. We have access to DECD special educator, speech pathologist and psychologist as well as accommodate private providers whenever possible.

### **5. Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds – one 40 year old transportable building that was updated internally early 2016, plus 2 outdoor storage sheds set on extensive outdoor learning area.
- Capacity (per session) - 36
- Centre Ownership – DECD (Department for Education and Child Development)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities – two disabled car parks, path to gate and ramp into building, no disabled toilets.

## 6. Local Community

- General characteristics – Adelaide southern suburbs, families involved in a variety of occupations, with English as the general language most spoken at home.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool – parent involvement encouraged and appreciated in this small family based preschool.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool – highest percentage of children transfer to Coorara Primary School, with a few to other DECD and private schools.
- Other local care and educational facilities – OSHC (Out of School Hours Care) program at Coorara Primary is available to preschool children before and after preschool sessions. Various child care centres are located locally.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities – Woodcroft and Morphett Vale shopping close by.
- Other local facilities – large range of medical, sporting, social, cultural and recreational facilities are available locally.
- Local Government - Onkaparinga Council

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups – Coorara Preschool enjoys a close relationship with Coorara Primary, with children accessing OSHC services, visiting the library and using the gym and other facilities. Coorara Primary Christian Pastoral Support Worker (Chaplain) also visits the kindy. The preschool staff work closely with the DECD Panalatinga Partnership leaders and sites – which includes other local preschools, primary and secondary schools.