



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

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Centre number: 6507

Centre name: Carol Murray Children's Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director Deb Downing
- Postal address 1 Dinning Terrace Bordertown SA 5268
- Location address 1 Dinning Terrace Bordertown SA 5268
- DECD Region Limestone Coast
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 275 kms
- Telephone number 87521374
- Fax number 87520463
- Preschool website address: www.carolmurraycc.sa.edu.au

- Preschool e-mail address admin@carolmurraycc.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
 - 58 preschool children
 - 32 childcare places
- Co-located/stand-alone
 - Integrated Site (DECD preschool and Community based childcare)
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ⌘ Pre Entry
 - ⌘ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ⌘ Extended Care (Child care 8am – 6 pm. 50 weeks per year)
 - ⌘ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - ⌘ Bilingual Support
 - ⌘ Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
 - Literacy
 - Numeracy
 - Well Being

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
 - Respect Reflect Relate
- Core Values
 - To provide a positive caring, teaching and learning environment for the needs and development of our children and their families.
- Specific curriculum approaches Play based curriculum birth – 5 years.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

2012 AEDI grant working in partnership with local government and other agencies in the Tatiara.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile 19 staff at Centre
 - 6 DECD staff (including bi lingual and preschool support)
 - 2 Admin staff (shared position)
 - 12 childcare staff (perm part time positions)
 - A number of staff work in both programs.
- Performance Management Program
 - All staff have Performance Development program
- Access to special support staff
 - Centre access support through
 - Community Health
 - DECD regional staff
 - Inclusive Directions

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - Preschool originally built in mid 1950's.
 - Childcare /integrated extension in 1996.
 - All children and staff share one outdoor play space
- Capacity (per session)
 - Total Centre capacity 72 children
 - 40 preschool
 - 32 childcare places
- Centre Ownership DECD with community based childcare (Governing Council)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities Yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Country community, employment in skilled and non skilled areas: meatworks, agriculture and transport industries.
Strong mult cultural community focus.
Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Strong Parent and community support for Integrated service
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Bordertown Primary School
Mundulla Primary school
- Other local care and educational facilities,
Bordertown High School
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
7 day supermarket
Banking etc
- Other local facilities
Hospital, medical facilities and 4 local doctors.
Well maintained sporting and recreational facilities
- Availability of staff housing
Local rental housing
Accessibility
Regular bus services to Adelaide and Melbourne
- Local Government
Tatiara District Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
Centre in a cluster with local schools.