



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 3/7/2012

Centre number: 4664

Centre name: Hawthorndene Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: carol@hawthorndene.sa.edu.au
- Postal address: 1 Kindergarten Avenue, Hawthorndene, SA 5052.
- Location address: 1 Kindergarten Avenue, Hawthorndene SA 5052
- DECD Region: T & A
- Geographical location – 15km from GPO
- Telephone number (08) 8278 4161
- Fax number (08)8278 9014
- Preschool website address: www.hawthornkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: carol@hawthorndene.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Our attendance rate is always high

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- Stand alone preschool, close to local Primary School
- Programs operating at the preschool
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 - ✓ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - ✓ ~~Á~~ Full Day Program
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 - ✓ Playgroup
 - ✓ Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

Literacy and Numeracy focus through play curriculum

Sustainability ; “Wipe out Waste” ; Waste reduction and recycling policy

Healthy Lifestyles : Healthy Eating and curriculum focus on Physical Activity

Positive Behaviour Management: Encouragement of behaviours which contribute to the wellbeing of self, others and the wider community.

3. Curriculum

- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF): “Belonging Being Becoming”
- Play based program evidenced to be age appropriate for children at Kindergarten
- Assessments are based upon the outcomes from the EYLF
- Supportive of children’s interest, and relevant to the needs of each child.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
Director: 7 mbh]UA YfYX]h (1.0)
Teacher: @i]gY'Ac bH]g] (1.0)
ECW: Tess Gibbs (0.5)
- Performance Management Program
- Access to special support staff as deemed necessary by DECD Southern Regional Support Services

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
- Our kindergarten building is set in beautiful park land surroundings. Our extensive outdoor learning environment provides opportunities for the development of learning and active play
- Capacity (per session) H€
- Centre Ownership: DECD (building leased from City of Mitcham)
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
- Recently renovated kitchen and bathroom facilities

6. Local Community

There is a strong sense of community in the local area. Many of the children attend the local Primary school and families are often well known to each other. Many families are of Anglo-Saxon background, although some children descend from European and Asian cultures. Many families live in 2 parent homes , and others have shared parenting .

- We welcome parent involvement in the preschool through Governing Council and assistance at working bees and special events.
- We are involved in the local community through visits with Local Primary School, local business and participation in Community Events such as the blackwood Christmas Parade

- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:**

Hawthorndene Primary School, Coromandel Valley, Belair and Balckwood schools .
Also St Peters Lutheran , Sunrise Christian schools and others.

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**

Jessie Brown Pre Kindergarten, Blackwood Community Child care, Good Start Child Care centres (Blackwood and Belair), Bellevue Heights Montessori Kindergarten.

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

Blackwood Shopping Precinct, Mitcham Square Shopping Centre,

- Other local facilities

Belair National Park, Apex Park, Blackwood Recreation Centre, Blackwood Library,

- Accessibility

Bus Routes 196, 195 at door.

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
[Include any relevant cluster or shared arrangements, activities and operations, or relevant partnerships with local business/industry.]
- *[Include any other key features not explained previously which would make the preschool and community professionally rewarding to prospective staff or include any significant history of the preschool and/or community.]*