PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 3636

Centre name: Hackham East Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Chris Taylor
- Postal address: Arnold Drive, Hackham, 5163
- Location address: as above
- DECS Region: Southern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 35 km
- Telephone number: 8382 6551
- Fax number: 8326 8265
- Preschool website address: http://www.hackeastkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: kindy.director@hackeastkgn.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance:
  Our centre became part time in 2009. Our enrolment is over 30 children with attendances around 28 children per session. This can vary term by term.

- Co-located/stand-alone:
  We are a stand alone kindergarten on the Hackham East Primary School site.

- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Pre Entry:
    Monday mornings, 8.45 am – 11.45 am.
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:
Monday 8.45 – 11.45 am., Tuesday 8.45 – 2.30 pm., Wednesday 8.45 – 3.00 pm.

Lunch/Full Day Program
Available Tuesdays and Wednesdays

- Playgroup
  Friday mornings during school terms. 9.30 – 11.30 am

Bilingual Support
This is offered as required

Preschool Support
This is available through DECD support services and offered as required.

2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
     Please refer to our Quality Improvement Plan

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used:
     Early Years Learning Framework – Belonging, Being & Becoming
   - Core Values
     Our Vision: To develop creativity, expressiveness, achievement and success through a respectful, caring environment
   - Specific curriculum approaches
     Constructivist – providing for children’s learning through stimulating experiences. We are moving more towards an enquiry approach.
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
We have a strong focus on Speech & Language, developing Literacy through Dramatic Play, music and creativity, and developing sound fine and gross motor skills.

4. Centre Based Staff
• Staff Profile
We have 3 staff all working at 0.6. Director, Teacher and ECW1.
• Performance Management Program
A Program is in place in line with DECD policy.

• Access to special support staff
We have access to all DECD Regional Support staff with special allocated support staff coming into our centre to work with children as required.

• Other

5. Centre Facilities
• Buildings and grounds
Our outdoor area has been extended and a beautiful new garden developed. This has added a wonderful new dimension to our outdoor learning environment. Our building is an older style ‘demac’ which has been updated with new furniture and an extensive range of new resources. We are right next to the school’s Transition class which allows us to nurture a close relationship with the school which include weekly crossover visits that ensure an easy transition to school for our children.

• Capacity (per session): 27

• Centre Ownership: DECD

• Access for children and staff with disabilities: We have a carpark close to our centre with easy access to kindergarten.

• Other
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
  We have a small number of families from multi-cultural backgrounds, plus 25% of our children are from an Indigenous background.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  Most of our families also attend the Primary school we are located next to.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  95% of our children transition to Hackham east Primary school.

- Other local care and educational facilities, we have local child care centres nearby and Family Day care workers. We are next to the Hackham East PS where our children can access OSHC. Family Connections are near us on Collins Pde and run various programs for families.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities – there is a shopping centre opposite.

- Availability of staff housing - Nil
- Accessibility – By car and bus. Bus stop next to shopping centre on Collins Pde.

7. **Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
  We have a strong Transition Program with Hackham East PS, with weekly crossover visits.