Centre number: 6670

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1. General information

- Centre name: Tumby Bay Kindergarten
- Centre number: 6670
- Preschool Director: Ginny McTaggart
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- Location address: West Terrace, Tumby Bay SA
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- DETE District: Eyre
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 600km
- Enrolment/Attendance: 23 - 26
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand-alone
- Programs operating
  - Pre Entry: 1 session per week for 1 term prior to commencing sessional kindergarten, integrated with the preschool programme.
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
- 4 sessions per week, offered as 2 full days per week (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Children who meet criteria of the Rural Policy can commence preschool at 3 and a half years of age.

Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)
- Not offered.

Rural Care
- 5 days a week – 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m..

Lunch/Full Day Program
- Lunchtime care is provided on sessional kindergarten days.

Bilingual Support
- Available as the need arises.

Preschool Support
- As the need arises children are referred and hours allocated.

Partnerships 21 status
- This centre entered Partnerships 21 in the first round of take-up.

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
- The centre’s core business is to provide quality preschool education to the children of Tumby Bay and Districts, helping each child to reach his/her potential.
- Current centre priorities are:
  1) To raise standards and improve learning outcomes in literacy
  2) Interventions with children and families – skilling parents and staff.
  3) QIAS – Implement Continuous Improvement Guide

3. Curriculum

Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
- N/A

Core Values
- Respect for self and others and property, caring, trust, fairness, equity, cooperation, honesty, integrity, confidentiality, tolerance, responsibility.

Specific curriculum approaches
- The curriculum is play-based and builds on the children’s existing interests, knowledge and skills.

Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
- Transition-to-school programmes run in conjunction with local schools. Allied Health personnel visit children with special needs at the centre.
4. Centre Based Staff

- **Staff Profile**
  - Director PSD1 – 0.5
  - Teacher – 0.5

- **Performance Management Program**
  - Performance Development meeting for the teacher occurs once each term to set and review objectives.
  - Director meets with District Superintendent.

- **Access to special support staff**
  - Eyre District Special Educator works closely with staff and families. A speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist from the Child Development Unit located at the Port Lincoln Hospital visit the centre regularly.

5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**
  - This centre is a stand-alone preschool situated on a quiet street. The outdoor environment is large, with shady native trees, ample lawn and sand areas and fixed pine play equipment. Inside, the activity areas form a T shape, with 2 areas carpeted. The planned upgrade to accommodate Rural Care will see alterations to the layout of the existing building and the addition of another activity area.

- **Capacity (per session)**
  - N/A

- **Centre Ownership**
  - DETE

- **Access for children and staff with disabilities**
  - Ramps at both exits.

- **Other**
  - Children at this centre access the school bus network which serves the districts of Ungarra, Port Neill and Tumby Bay.

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

- **General characteristics:** (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  - Employment in this coastal, rural community includes farming, fishing, services to these industries, tourism and services to the community (eg, retail, hospital, school). Many people are self-employed. A marina has recently been developed. English is the predominant language spoken.
Parent and community involvement in the preschool

- This centre has a strong Governing Council which develops policies, and manages finance and other decision-making. Parents are also involved in fundraising, cleaning roster, working bees and classroom support.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

- Tumby Bay Area School, Ungarra Primary School, Port Neill Primary School.

Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC

- OSHC at Tumby Bay Area School for children from 4 years of age.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

- Tumby Bay is serviced by a variety of businesses including 2 supermarkets, a pharmacy, hardware store, bank, post office. The regional city of Port Lincoln, 50 kms south, provides further commercial facilities.

Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational

- There is a medical practice and a hospital, a dental surgery and a physiotherapy practice. A variety of sporting clubs provide recreational opportunities including football, netball, cricket, basketball, bowls, tennis, sailing, riding. Tumby Bay has a drama group, choir, Telecentre with free internet access, several churches, a Lions Club, RSL, Probus and Progress Association.

Availability of staff housing

- There are several government houses suitable for families available in Tumby Bay.

Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality

- Tumby Bay is a pleasant 50km road trip from Port Lincoln on an excellent bitumen road.

There are 2 airlines each providing several flights daily from Port Lincoln to Adelaide, costing approximately $210 return booked with 14 days’ notice (or $300+ at short notice).

Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement.