PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6670
Centre name: Tumby Bay Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director
  Ginny McTaggart

- Postal address
  PO Box 135,
  Tumby Bay 5605
  SA

- Location address
  West Tce,
  Tumby Bay 5605
  SA

- DECS Region
  Eyre and Western

- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
  600 km

- Telephone number
  (08) 86882108

- Fax number
  (08) 86882858

- Preschool website address:
  tumbybaykgn.sa.edu.au
• Preschool e-mail address
   kindy.director@tumbybaykgn.sa.edu.au

• Enrolment/Attendance
  28 : 26

• Co-located/stand-alone
  Stand alone

• Programs operating at the preschool

  We have Universal Access where eligible children have access to 15 hours of preschool per week. Five sessions are offered as 2 full days on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Wednesday afternoon.

  Rural Care – Long Day Care
  5 days a week – 8.00 am - 6.00 pm

  Playgroup
  Wednesday – 9.30 – 11.30 am

  Lunch/Full Day Program
  Lunch time care is provided on full day sessional kindergarten days

  Bilingual Support
  Available as the need arises

  Preschool Support
  As the need arises children are referred and hours allocated
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 reach his/her potential. Current centre priorities in our Quality Improvement Plan are:

  1. To develop emergent literacy skills that form the basis to learn to read and write
  2. Gain knowledge on parental expectations for children in care
  3. Raise awareness of the importance of physical activity
  4. Share professional learning to guide practice
  5. Raise awareness of Australia’s cultural diversity drawing on the diversity of families in our centre
  6. Support and value staff in the performance development process

3. **Curriculum**

- **Framework used:**
  Early Years Learning Framework

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

- **Specific curriculum approaches**
  Our Curriculum is play based and scaffolds learning in all developmental areas and follows the interests, strengths and needs of both the individual and the group

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

- Staff Profile
  Preschool -
  Director PSD 2 – 0.8
  Teacher- 0.6
  Rural Care –
  ECW2 staff provide Long Day Child Care Monday to Friday 8.00 am -6.00 pm
  Playgroup Coordinator – 3 hours per week

- Performance Management Program
  Performance Management Development meetings for staff are regular to set and review objectives
  Director meets with Assistant Regional Director

- Access to special support staff
  Eyre District Support staff work closely with staff, children and families. A speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist from the Child Development Unit located at the Port Lincoln Hospital and Lower Eyre Health in Tumby Bay visit the centre regularly

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  This building is a stand alone preschool situated on a quiet street. The outdoor environment is large with shady trees, ample lawn and sand areas with fixed and movable play equipment and a balance of quiet and active areas.

- Capacity (per session)
  40

- Centre Ownership
  Department for Education and Child Development (DECD)

- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  Ramps at all 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:
  
  *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 who are involved in policy development, manage finances and decision making relevant to the running of the centre. Parents are also involved in fundraising, cleaning rosters, working bees and working with children by sharing skills, reading stories and involvement in activities

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  
  Tumby Bay Area School, Ungarra Primary School and Port Neill Primary School

- Other local care and educational facilities,
  
  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 and post office. The regional city of Port Lincoln, 50 kms south provides further commercial facilities

- Other local facilities
  
  *Include a medical practice, a hospital and a dental surgery.* A variety of sporting clubs provide recreational opportunities including football, netball, cricket, basketball, bowls, tennis and sailing. *Tumby Bay has a drama group, choir, Telecentre with free internet access, several churches, a Lions Club, Probus and a Progress association*

- Availability of staff housing
  
  *Government housing suitable for families are available in Tumby Bay*

- Accessibility
  
  Tumby Bay is a 50km road trip from Port Lincoln.

  There are 2 airlines each providing several flights daily from Port Lincoln to Adelaide, costing approx $250.00 return booked with 14 days notice or $300.00 at short notice

- Local Government
  
  Tumby Bay District Council – phone 86882101 has publications available describing the local area