PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6550

Centre name: Mannum Kindergarten & Rural Care

1. General information

- Preschool Director – Mary Langsford
- Postal address – Cnr Adelaide & Male Rds, Mannum SA 5238
- Location address - Cnr Adelaide & Male Rds, Mannum SA 5238
- DECD Partnership - Murraylands
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)- 86 kilometres
- Telephone number –(08) 85691487
- Fax number – (08) 85692618
- Preschool website address: www.mannumkindergarten.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address- dl.6550.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
  - 37 Preschool children
  - 20 childcare places
- Co-located/stand-alone
  Stand alone preschool, Intergrated Site ( DECD Preschool & Rural Care)
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
Rural Care

Associated Programs- playgroup, toy library

Lunch/Full Day Program

Bilingual Support

Preschool Support

2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
     - Literacy
     - Numeracy

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
     Specific curriculum approaches Play based curriculum birth – 6 years
   - Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
     - Numeracy Indicators Trial- Term 4 2014
     - Active Under 5’s Project with OPAL 2013

4. **Centre Based Staff**
   - Staff Profile
     Staff Profile 7 DECD staff at Centre - 3 Preschool, 4 Rural Care (one Rural Care Staff works in Preschool Support Program)
   - 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
  Child & Youth Health

5. Centre Facilities
• Buildings and grounds
  Preschool originally built in mid 1970’s.
  Rural care /integrated extension in 2005.
  All children and staff share one outdoor play space
• Capacity (per session) -41 (Preschool 37, Rural Care 4)
• Centre Ownership- Centre Ownership DECD (Governing Council)
• Access for children and staff with disabilities- yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)
• General characteristics:
  • Mannum is a rural town located on the Murray River. A wide range of family occupations exist, farming, retail, business and factory work with many unemployed. Tourism is a huge growth industry in Mannum with the attractions of the river such as Paddle Steamers, houseboats, river sports, fishing, camping. A group of local business people have formed ‘Mannum Promotions’ which has promoted various exhibitions & entertainments within the community to attract the wider community.
  • Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  -Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Strong Parent and community support for Integrated service

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  Mannum Community College
  Palmer Primary School
  Unity College
  St Joseph’s Primary School
  Mypolonga Primary School

- Other local care and educational facilities, - None

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - New IGA Shopping Centre
  Main Street shopping with Foodland Supermarket, Banking, Post Office, Chemist, Newsagency, 2 hotels, 1 motel, Community Club & various shops.

- Other local facilities
  Hospital, Police Station, Dentist, Sporting Clubs

- Availability of staff housing
  - None

- Accessibility
  - easy road access to freeway (Adelaide) & local big town (Murray Bridge)
  Daily bus services to Murray Bridge

- Local Government
  - Mid Murray Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
  Mannum Kindergarten is in the Murraylands Partnership group which consists Mannum Community School, Palmer Primary School, Mypolonga Primary School, Murray Bridge North School, Murray Bridge South School, Murray Bridge Special School, Murray Bridge High School, Jervois Primary School, Murray Bridge Kindergarten, Tinyeri Children’s Centre, Tailem Bend Kindergarten, & Tailem Bend Primary School.