



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 1/6/2017

Centre number: 3632

Centre name: Frieda Corpe Community Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Kerry Warner
- Postal address: 42 Benny Ave Port Noarlunga 5167
- Location address: As above
- DECD Partnership: River Hub
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (.45 km)
- Telephone number: 08 83842108
- Fax number: 08 883268259
- Preschool website address: www.friedakgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3632_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance : 60
- Stand-alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Associated Programs

- ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program

- ❖ Bilingual Support: Access as required

- ❖ Preschool Support: Access as required. The centre supports many families and children with special needs/rights.

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:
The philosophy of Frieda Corpe Kindergarten respects the right of the child to be valued as a child: capable, unique and individual. Educators are committed to collaboratively work as co-educators and learners with children, their families and the community to develop children's positive learning dispositions for successful lifelong learning. Integral to this is our belief that children have the right to realize and expand their potential. Through our Child Initiated Curriculum and Reggio inspired practices we seek to develop the whole child within a community of learners.©

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
Constructivist pedagogies are utilised through the child initiated curriculum, with a focus on learning outcomes.

Use of RRR observational scales

- Core Values: “Opening hearts and minds to lifelong learning”
Respect, Individuality, Creativity, Harmony

- Specific curriculum approaches
Child Initiated Curriculum, inquiry based approach.
Focus on learning dispositions and executive functioning through the “You Can do it Program” to develop positive growth mind set
Reggio Emilia practices
Move to Learn Program
Nature Play focus
Individual Learning stories and ILP's to document all children's learning

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
- Children's Art show
Sustainability practices

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 1.0 Director, .5 Teacher, .5 Teacher, .5 ECW
- Performance Management Program: Twice yearly with Director aligned with our QIP Plan.
- Access to special support staff: Speech and language, children with special rights.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
Frieda Corpe was named after Frieda Corpe herself who found a need for a local kindergarten in the community. It has since become a DECD site and much loved within the local community. The building is 60 years old with a developed vegetable garden and play space that is currently under re construction. We value the grass area that we have to play on, sandpit, wooden boat, swings, stage area and nature play. We recently developed our mud play area with a mud kitchen with the support of our Governing Council.
- Capacity per session: 30
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Yes
- Other : n/a

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: Families are predominately from low socio-economic backgrounds and various family compositions.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: Parents are strongly involved through their children's learning at kindy. By sharing about their children's experiences and interests educators then incorporate this into the child initiated learning program. There is a dedicated group of parents each year that form the Governing Council.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Local Port Noarlunga School and a wide variety of private schools in the area.
- Other local care and educational facilities: Child Care, Family Day Care. Port Noarlunga P.S is at the end of the street, within a 5 min walk.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: Port Noarlunga is a residential area. Nearby are local shops in Port Noarlunga & Christies Beach, with extensive services and variety of shopping at Colonnades (located at Noarlunga Centre)
- Other local facilities: All services and facilities available nearby
- Availability of staff housing: Private rental in neighbouring suburbs
- Accessibility: local shops are accessible by walking and local transport including buses and trains run from Noarlunga to the city.
- Local Government: Onkaparinga Council

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups: Local Art Centre