PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6515

Centre name: Glencoe Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: The Director is employed in the position at 0.5 fraction of time.

- Postal address: PO Box 66, Glencoe, SA, 5291

- Location address: Copping Road, Glencoe, SA, 5291

- DECS Region: Limestone Coast

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

  The kindergarten is located approximately 25kms from Mount Gambier.

- Telephone number: 08 87394050

- Fax number:

- Preschool website address:

- Preschool e-mail address

  Kindy.director@glencoekgnsa.edu.au

- Enrolment/Attendance

  Numbers have continued to increase since the implementation of the Occasional Care program during the middle of 2009. Currently we have 10 full time kindy children, 4 pre-entry children and our Occasional Care is fully booked most weeks.
Co-located/stand-alone

Currently we are a stand alone centre, located approximately 4km from the Glencoe School site. A new purpose build building is currently under construction at the Glencoe School site, due for completion early 2011.

Programs operating at the preschool

[Indicate which programs operate at the preschool. Delete any programs that are not applicable to the site.]

- Pre Entry
  Children attend 1 session per week for the first five weeks followed by 2 sessions a week for the last five weeks of term from 3.5 years of age.

- Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  Children attend 3 sessions per week for 5 terms prior to entering school. Kindergarten sessions are held on: Tuesdays from 9am-3pm and Thursdays from 9am-12noon.

- Occasional Care [indicate whether this program is funded or unfunded.]
  Occasional care is funded for over 2 year olds and there are 2 sessions available. Tuesday mornings from 9am-12noon and Tuesday afternoons from 12noon-3pm

- Extended Care

- Lunch/Full Day Program
  All children attend for a lunch time session on Tuesdays.

- Bilingual Support

- Preschool Support

Preschool support is available when required and in line with Department policies and procedures.

Playgroup:

A parent run playgroup operates from the Kindergarten on Friday mornings from 9am-11.30am.
2. **Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

  1) To develop the oral literacy skills of all children.
  2) To improve the numeracy development of all children.
  3) To develop and enhance the well-being, engagement, social and emotional growth of children.

3. **Curriculum**

- Framework used:
  
  *The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia – ‘Belonging, Being and Becoming’ as the basis of the curriculum.*

- Core Values

  Glencoe Kindergarten values and works in partnership with families and the community in a learning environment that is play based.

  Being a rural Kindergarten we look for ways to enhance and further develop each individual child’s social development and provide opportunities for this on a regular basis.

  We value children as individuals and acknowledge children arrive at kindergarten with a range of prior learning experiences, values and beliefs which we foster and develop further during their time at kindy.

- Specific curriculum approaches

  We plan for play-based experiences using the Early Years Learning Framework. Each child has a profile book that displays the children’s learning and experiences in the form of photos, pictures, and observations.
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

4. Centre Based Staff
• Staff Profile

  1 Director (0.5)
  1 Early Childhood Worker (0.35)
  1 Early Childhood Worker (Occasional Care)
  1 Preschool Support Worker – when required

• Performance Management Program
Each year the Director meets with the District Director to discuss the Site Improvement Priorities. This is followed up to monitor progress and report successes etc on a when needed basis.
• Access to special support staff
Specialist support services are available and accessed as required by staff, children and families.
• Other

5. Centre Facilities
• Buildings and grounds
The Glencoe Kindergarten has two separate buildings, kitchen, bathroom, store room and undercover area. Both buildings have heating and cooling. The outdoor area has a shed, undercover sandpit, fixed playground and a number of trees, both evergreen, deciduous and fruit trees. There is also vegie plant boxes.
• Capacity (per session)

• Centre Ownership
DECS
• Access for children and staff with disabilities
NO. To get into both rooms there are steps and there is only a small paved area that is uneven.
• Other
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:**
  
  *Our children are from English speaking backgrounds.*

  *Glencoe has employment opportunities in the diary and farming sector. Many families commute to Millicent and Mount Gambier for employment.*

- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
  
  The parents of Glencoe Kindergarten are highly supportive of the Kindergartens curriculum, fundraising and other activities. The kindergarten has an active Governing Council and parents are keen to help out where and when possible.

- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
  
  Most children generally move on to attend the Glencoe Primary School which is 4km from the kindergarten.

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**
  
  *The nearest child care centres to Glencoe are located in Millicent and Mount Gambier.*

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
  
  There is a general store in the Glencoe Township which stocks basic grocery items and petrol. Other shopping centres are located in Millicent and Mount Gambier.

- **Other local facilities**
  
  *Football and Netball Club*

- **Availability of staff housing**
  
  *Government housing is available in Mount Gambier.*

- **Accessibility**
  
  *The nearest airport is located 10km from Mount Gambier. A number of flights to Adelaide and Melbourne leave daily.*

- **Local Government**
  
  Wattle Range Council

7. **Further Comments**

- **Partnership arrangements with other groups**
  
  *The Kindergarten visits other local kindergartens for performances and play experiences on a termly basis.*