PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 3604

Centre name: HALLETT COVE PRESCHOOL

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Helen Creeper
- Postal address: 15 Zwerner Drive, Hallett Cove
- Location address: 15 Zwerner Drive, Hallett Cove
- DECD Partnership: Marion Coast
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 15km South
- Telephone number: 83222187
- Fax number: 83228758
- Preschool website address: hallettpre.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3604.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
• **Enrolment/Attendance:**

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• **Co-located/stand-alone**
  
  Stand Alone

• **Programs operating at the preschool**

  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  - Programs: Playgroup (Community Co-ordinated)
  - Full Day Program
  - Bilingual Support
  - Preschool Support

2. **Key Centre Policies**

The preschool aims to provide a high quality learning environment, working in partnership with families to meet the needs of each child, and fostering practices that contribute to a sustainable future.

3. **Curriculum**

• **Framework used:** Early Years Learning Framework

• **Core Values**

  **Our Philosophy statement:**

  *We will work in partnership with families to develop children’s interests, skills and love of learning to become healthy, active global citizens. Together with our community we will care for and respect ourselves, each other and the environment.*
Our Vision for our Centre

- We will provide a program that is child focussed and embraces the Early Years Learning Framework
- We will support all children to maximise their individual learning potential and build on the knowledge and skills they bring.
- We will encourage children to be confident, resilient, have fun, think creatively and take on challenges
- We will nurture children’s connection with their natural environment.
- We will explore sustainable practices with families to contribute to caring for our world.
- We will promote the value of holistic wellbeing and healthy lifestyles to our preschool community
- We will acknowledge the Kaurna people as the original inhabitants of this land and respect their spiritual connection with the earth
- We are inclusive of diversity and believe that this contributes to the richness of our community
- Our staff will focus on quality and continuous improvement through professional learning and reflective practice.
- As staff team we will strive to always role model these things.

Our Preschool is committed to providing:

- A welcoming environment for children and their families
- Professional, knowledgable and caring staff with a focus on quality and continuous improvement in the provision of services
- Strong partnerships with families and the community
- Access to services for children with special needs
- A safe and stimulating play environment
- An inclusive curriculum reflecting the principles of social justice and equal opportunities for children and their families
Specific curriculum approaches:
Children Caring for the Environment:

The Site is an AUSSI Sustainable School and has a Site Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) for sustainable practices
The sustainability program involves activities that will inform children of our Aboriginal heritage, and focus on caring for our immediate, local and global environments
Staff ensure that sustainable educational practices are incorporated into our daily program

Joint programmes/special curriculum projects:
Strong relationship with Natural Resource Management (NRM)
Reimagining Childhood Project 2014-2015 with Hallett Cove East Primary School

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
- Full Time Director
- Full Time Teacher
- Universal Access Teacher (0.4FTE)
- Full Time Early Childhood worker
- Universal Access Early Childhood Worker (0.3 FTE)

Performance Management Program
Our staff team engages in Performance Management processes regularly through out the year with their appropriate Line Manager

- Access to special support staff:
Preschool Support Program, Bilingual Support Program, Autism SA, Disabilities, SA, Novita Children’s services and other services as required.
5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds: Our main Preschool building was opened in 1989 after being purpose built according to community needs. It has ample space and facilities for the children to enjoy all aspects of the curriculum. Our grounds are well maintained and allow opportunities for children to explore the natural environment and build their skills. We also have a vegetable garden, chicken and duck enclosure and frog garden.

- Capacity (per session): 56

- Centre Ownership: DECD

- Access for children and staff with disabilities; Most areas

6. Local Community

- General characteristics:
  Our families are from increasingly diverse cultural background but the majority are of Anglo Saxon descent. Most families are also 2 parent homes but some families are single supporting parents.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  Parents are regularly encouraged to be involved in the preschool program through cooking and volunteering their skills. Also by volunteering for weekend chicken and duck roster and laundering preschool items.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Children generally transfer from this preschool to:
Hallett Cove R-12 School, St Martin de Porres Catholic School, Hallett Cove East Primary, Hallett Cove South School, Sheidow Park Primary

Other local care and educational facilities,
Located next door is the Hallett Cove Community Child Care Centre, separated by a large carpark. A pedestrian crossing allows easy access to the child care centre. Children from the child care centre, in their eligible preschool year, attend the preschool daily to access our preschool program.
• **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
  Adjacent to the Hallett cove Shopping Centre and nearby Lonsdale light industrial area

• **Local Government**. Situated in the Marion Council area

7. **Further Comments**

• **Partnership arrangements with other groups**
  As part of the Marion Coast partnership we work with other local sites as a Collegiate community based on building life long learners.
  We have strong relationships with our local schools and other kindergartens and this supports transitions for our families and their children.