PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6664
Centre name: CLEVE DISTRICT CHILDREN’S CENTRE

1. General information

- Preschool Director: BRONWYN SMITH
- Postal address: PO BOX 206, CLEVE
- Location address: EAST TERRACE, CLEVE
- DECS Region: EYRE AND WESTERN
- Geographical location – 550km from GPO Adelaide
- Telephone number: 86 282 211
- Fax number: 86 282 277
- Preschool website address: www.clevedistrictcc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: kindy.director@clevedistrictcc.sa.edu.au

- Enrolment/Attendance
  Fluctuates between 20 and 25 full time 4 year olds
  Attendance averages 90%
- Co-located/stand-alone
  Stand alone Centre but is on Cleve Area School grounds
- Programs operating at the preschool

  Pre Entry- is offered for a term before the child’s entitled 4 terms, 1 session per week.
• Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  9am to 3pm, 5 day a fortnight. Tuesday, Thursday, every second Wednesday

• Extended Care
  Is offered for bus children – 8.30 -9.00am, 3.00 – 3.15pm

• Lunch/Full Day Program
  Available for all children (100% usage) at no extra charge

• Bilingual Support
  Very limited bilingual support workers in community but have offered support to ESL students

• Preschool Support
  Always available

• Rural Care –
  Long day care for children aged up to 10 years,
  Operates 5 days, 8am to 6pm, 49 weeks per year,
  Offering up to 13 places per session in response to demand.
2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used: *Early Years Learning Framework*
   - Core Values
   - Specific curriculum approaches:
   - Joint programmes/special curriculum projects: SPA (Screening for Phonological Awareness) Project

4. **Centre Based Staff**
   - Staff Profile
     - PSD2 Director, 0.8 FTE
     - 0.6 Teacher
     - ECW – Preschool Support when required (average 2 hours a week)
     - ECW2 – Rural Care Worker – 4 staff, total of 115 hours per week
   - Performance Management Program

   - Access to special support staff
   - Access is through Eyre and Western District office, Whyalla and Eastern Eyre Allied Health Services.

5. **Centre Facilities**
   - Buildings and grounds
     - Newly, purposely built building and yard (10yrs old)
     - Have build in part of verandah to increase area in Rural Care area
     - Outdoor area has had a lot of resources spent to provide natural learning environment
   - Capacity (per session): 54
   - Centre Ownership: DECD
   - Access for children and staff with disabilities: full disability access
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:**
  
  Service town in traditional agricultural community,  
  Small towns – Arno Bay, Darke Peak, Rudall  
  Approximately 2000 people in council area.

- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
  
  Very supportive

- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
  
  98% Cleve Area School  
  2% Port Niell Primary School

- **Other local care and educational facilities,**
  
  1 Family Day Care Provider  
  Playgroup based in Centre, Play Centre in Arno Bay and Darke Peak  
  Little Gym, Community Library, TAFE campus

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
  
  A supermarket, several agricultural and mechanical outlets, a clothing store, 2 banks, a Newsagency, Opportunity Shop

- **Other local facilities**
  
  Full time Doctor plus part time woman’s Doctor, Hospital, Physiotherapist access, Dentist, Health Services, Visiting specialists such as Podiatrist, Optometrists etc., Health Gym, Local Football, netball, tennis, basketball, softball, bowls, cricket, golf, table tennis, squash competitions available

- **Availability of staff housing**
  
  School and limited government housing available, renting housing usually available

- **Accessibility**
  
  Daily bus service to Adelaide, Air travel over 120kms away, good paved roads

- **Local Government**
  
  District Council of Cleve