PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 5667
Centre name: DOVER KINDERGARTEN

1. General information

- Preschool Director: MRS KERRYN PILMORE
- Postal address: 37 BROADWAY – SOUTH BRIGHTON 5048
- Location address: 37 BROADWAY – SOUTH BRIGHTON
- DECS Region: SOUTHERN ADELAIDE
- Geographical location: 14 KM from GPO (km)
- Telephone number: 08 82969841
- Fax number: 08 83771738
- Preschool website address: www.doverkgn.sa.edu.au
- To be updated in 2012. Preschool e-mail address: info@doverkgn.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance:
The kindergarten is experiencing a high demand for enrolment. Our current site capacity is for 30 children per session. (60 chn in total) The kindergarten is operating under a local Priority of Access Policy. Staff meet regularly with other local sites to discuss current enrolment trends.
Once our brick shed is converted into an extra room with bathroom facilities – our capacity will increase to 40 children.

- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone site

- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Pre Entry is currently offered on a Friday am for 2 hours and is integrated with our Occasional care program.
As from Jan 2012 the kindergarten will run 9 sessions of kindergarten. We have worked with other with other local kindergartens will not offer a pre entry sessions in 2012.

- Early Entry- the kindergarten has not been able to offer this service due to increasing numbers.

- Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: The kindergarten offers 9 sessions of kindergarten per week. Our families choose a combination of 4 sessions. In the child’s first term we offer ½ day sessions but have an optional full day session (Limit of 1) commencing in their second term. Staff offer parents choice of sessions to suit changing needs of our community.

- Sessional kindergarten is offered
  - Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs and Friday -- Am 9:00-11:45
  - Mon, Tues, Wed, , Thurs – Pm 12:30-3:15

- Occasional Care: The kindergarten offers 6 sessions of funded Occasional Care per week for children 2 years and over. Due to site capacity regulations are sessions may vary on a termly basis. We currently run sessions on Mon Am 9:00-11:45
  - Mon Pm 12:30-3:15
  - Wed Pm 12:30-3:15
  - Thurs Pm 12:30-3:15
  - Fri Am 8:45-10:45 (2 year old program)
  - Fri Pm 12:30-3:00

A major building redevelop is to commence in October to allow an addition room for our Occasional Care program

- Extended Care available where space allows.

- Lunch/Full Day Program Operates on MON, TUES, WED and Thurs (Demand for this service is growing)

- Bilingual Support - If required

- Preschool Support- If required

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
The kindergarten operates under the motto:-

**Empowering children for a successful and sustainable future**

At Dover Kindergarten we strive to create a welcoming atmosphere for our children and their families.

The children's curriculum is based on the National curriculum framework "Belonging, Being and Becoming" which builds on five main learning goals:

- a strong sense of identity
- connections with their world
- a strong sense of well being
- confidence and involvement in their learning
- Effective communication skills.

Our priority learning areas for 2011 are:

- Numeracy
- Literacy
- Wellbeing
- Sustainability,

The kindergarten provides a wonderful environment for children and families to connect with nature.

We are an active member of the Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative (AuSSI) and currently working on becoming a focus kindergarten for Aussi in 2011.

### 3. Curriculum

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• Core Values -
  • Respect,
  • Cooperation
  • Responsibility
  • and Challenge

• Specific curriculum approaches
  • Learning through a play based program.
  • Catering for the needs of individual needs of children
  • Learning about Japan.
    Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  • AuSSI- focus kindergarten

4. Centre Based Staff

• Staff Profile
  1 Full time Director- PSD2
  1 Full time teacher (Our current teacher is due to transfer in 2012)
  0.6 Occasional Care Worker
  0.5 ECW (termly position * see enrolment trends)
  Lunch care and PSS workers as required.

• Performance Management Program:
  On an annual basis in accordance with DECS guidelines.

• Access to special support staff
  As required- families will use DECS or private services including speech pathologist, psychologist or disability coordinator.

5. Centre Facilities

• Buildings and grounds
  The kindergarten has well maintained grounds that are spacious and functional. The kindergarten has invested in a number of sustainable initiatives such as solar power
and recycled rain water. Last year, the perimeter fence was replaced to improve security.

There is an area at the back of the centre suited for further development.

- Centre Ownership- DECS
- Access for children and staff with disabilities. The kindergarten has some ramp access for wheelchairs and a disabled toilet for adults. However access through new gates will be difficult.

**General characteristics:**

The majority of children are from Anglo Saxon families but there is an increase in families from multicultural backgrounds.
Most of the children would come from families where one or both parents are either working or studying.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
- The kindergarten enjoys a high level of community support through our Governing Council, fundraising activities, and assistance with program activities or manual chores. We have worked hard to build a strong community spirit through termly social such as BBQ’s, Picnics in the park or Pasta nights.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool. The majority of our children will go to Brighton Primary school, then a high number of children who will attend St Teresa’s school in Brighton. There are a small number of children who will attend other local schools such as Seacliff Primary, Stella Maris or other private schools. After the Closure of Dover Gardens Primary School we are working with staff at the Brighton Primary school re our transition program.
- Other local care and educational facilities,
- The kindergarten is central to a number of private child care centres. We have one local Family Day Care worker who accesses our services on a regular basis
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  The kindergarten is within walking distance to Westfield Marion, the new Aquatic centre, Marion Cultural centre and the Domain. There are a number of shops along Brighton road.
- Other local facilities
  We are located across the road from “Dover Square”- a community park with a children’s playground and social hub for our families. The Dover Tennis courts and Community Hall are within close proximity.
We are also close to a number of medical facilities including the Kingston Clinic and the Domain Medical centre in Oaklands Park. There is also a New GP Plus service located in the Marion Domain which offer a range of services for families.

CYH screen children in the kindergarten on a termly basis.

- Accessibility

The kindergarten is close to transport corridors with regular bus and train services within walking distance. The Flinders Medical centre and university are within a short drive as is the Brighton Beach front.

- Local Government

City of Holdfast Bay Council\Ph 8229 9999 (General Inquiries)
 Brighton Administrative offices – 24 Jetty rd Brighton
 Glenelg Customer Service Centre – 2 Colley St Glenelg.

7. Further Comments

Partnership arrangements with other groups

- The kindergarten is part of the Holdfast cluster group which includes a number of local schools and kindergarten in the geographical location of Brighton through to Glenelg.

- We have also established a close working relationship with the Reception teachers from the Brighton Primary school and meet once per term to discuss transition and best practice (Also includes the Warradale kindergarten staff)

- We also meet with the Seaside Cluster Transition group twice per year.