PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre Name: Cranston Street Kindergarten
Centre number: 6655
Preschool Director: Lyn Boase
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Courier Number: Port Lincoln
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DECS District: Eyre and Western
Road distance from GPO (KM): 670

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• DECS District
  Eyre and Western
• Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
  670kms
• Enrolment/Attendance
  Children attending this service come from a cross section of the community with a variety of cultural backgrounds.

  . Quality Assurance capacity is 28.

  Our positive reputation and location of local schools ensures continual high enrolments at this centre. Currently we are enrolling up to 56 children per day.

• Co-located/stand-alone
  Cranston Street Kindergarten is a stand alone centre located in the central business district of Port Lincoln and is surrounded by 4 of the cities 7 local schools.

• Programs operating

  ◦ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  ◦ Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)
    Not offered
  ◦ Extended Care
    Not offered
  ◦ Lunch/Full Day Program
    All children attend 2 full days and alternate Friday mornings.
  ◦ Bilingual Support
    Is accessed when required
  ◦ Preschool Support
  ◦ Currently 2 support staff are employed 3–4 hours per week to support children with learning difficulties.

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2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  In a happy and secure environment, the staff provides opportunities for children to learn life skills in the areas of physical, creative and intelligent growth while having fun. Programming is developed from the children's interests and we encourage children to think for themselves.

  Centre priorities include the promotion of literacy opportunities; wellbeing and engagement – exploring the true involvement of the children in the environment that we offer, and empowering children to build resilience to learn in an environment with others.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)
  Staff report to parents using the Developmental Learning Outcomes from the Early Years Learning Framework.

- Specific curriculum approaches
  Staff use individualised learning programs where we follow the interests of the children. Research has shown the importance of learning in the early years, and our staff believes that children learn through play and real life experiences. Each child learns in a different way and we endeavour to foster life skills that will assist children in their development.

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  Cranston St Kindergarten staff are currently exploring Perceptual Motor skills program in relation to literacy development, ready to do some research in 2013.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  - Director (1.0) Lyn Boase
  - Teacher (1.0) Gillian Jenkins
  - (0.5) Nicole Amey
  - ECW (1.0) Vicki Ianniello
Preschool Support Workers – Bronwyn Warland and Julie Sampson (hours vary term to term depending on the needs of the children)

- Performance Management Program
  The Director is line managed by the Eyre and Western Regional Director Rowena Fox. In turn the Teachers, ECW and Preschool Support Workers are managed by the Director.

- Access to special support staff
  In recent years Cranston Street Kindergarten has had wonderful support from the District Office Staff - in particular the Preschool Support Consultants and the Behaviour Management Officer who have visited and consulted when needed. Speech and Language Therapist, Occupational Therapists and the Aboriginal Education Project Officers also visit and support staff and students when requested.

. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  The Preschool is a stand alone purpose built kindergarten, built in 1951. The building is located on the rear of the block which is a small house block. We have access to St Joseph School oval at the rear of the kindergarten, which we are able to use for gross motor activities and visits by the Fire Truck, Ambulance etc. The outdoor play area consists of a large sand play area which joins to a high platform and is covered with a large roof. The entrance to the yard is through a gate over a low bridge which has a tunnel into the sand area for water play. Shrubs and large barrels with plants, a garden bed used to grow vegetables and flowers adds an ambience of discovery to the play area. A small lawned area, brick paving and cemented areas allow the children to ride the ezy riders, play cricket, soccer and running games. Staff set up climbing obstacle courses daily for the children to practise their gross motor skills.

  The Kindergarten building consists of a large play room, bag room, kitchen area, small office for staff and visiting specialists and a larger office for the Director. A verandah across the front of the building allows outdoor play with the covered sand area on wet days.

  - Capacity (per session)
    Staff ratio is 1:10. The capacity is set at 230 children per session.

  - Centre Ownership
    The site is owned by DECS. The Principal is the site manager.

  - Access for children and staff with disabilities
    The site is easily accessible for children with disabilities, with the required ramps and toilets. Access for wheelchair parents is hampered by the Childproof gate latch which is too high.
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  
  Cranston Street Kindergarten’s Governing Council executive (Parent Committee) includes a Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. Parents join the committee for 12 months. Some parents join the committee during the year as their children start kindergarten. The executive members are elected until the next Annual General meeting.
  
  The preschool has had tremendous parental and community support. They have been very dedicated to fundraising to improve our outdoor environment and equipment.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  
  Children attending this kindergarten move onto either Port Lincoln Junior Primary school, St Joseph School, Kirton Point Primary School, Lincoln Gardens School or Navigator College. Occasionally children move to Poonindee Area School.
  
  Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC 1 junior primary school, 3 primary schools, and one secondary school, a Special School, and an R-12 catholic school. There is an OSHC program. There are also a number of playgroups on different days of the week.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  
  Port Lincoln has a diverse range of shops including Woolworths, Coles, Target, Kmart, Drakes, and many local specialty shops.

- Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
  
  Port Lincoln boasts a very new sporting complex – the Ravendale Community Sporting Complex – which is home to hockey (with an artificial turf), football, netball, athletics, table tennis, gymnastics, & baseball. Basketball is played at the Leisure Centre, which also has an indoor pool and waterslide. Other sporting groups include angling, birds, BMX, bowls, callisthenics, car clubs, cricket, croquet, cycling, darts, dragon boating, eight ball, flying, golf, gun clubs, horses, martial arts, motor cycles, orienteering, running, sailing, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, touch football, and volleyball.
  
  The town has a number of medical, dental, physiotherapist and chiropractic clinics and a large regional hospital and community health services etc.

- Availability of staff housing
  
  Staff may apply for government housing in Port Lincoln. accessability is similar to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality
There is currently two airlines ‘Rex’ (Regional Express) which has 8 flights from Port Lincoln to Adelaide each weekday, and 7 flights from Adelaide to Port Lincoln. Flight costs range from $99 to $231. Details www.rex.com.au and Qantas which have 4 flights to and from Adelaide daily.

Alternatively there is a bus service which runs daily from Pt Lincoln to Adelaide. Details Premier Stateliner phone 8415 5555.

Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement

Port Lincoln City Council phone 08 8682 3033 or www.portlincoln.sa.gov.au

The Port Lincoln Guide is a valuable information source – available free from the Port Lincoln Times 6-8 Washington St. Port Lincoln 8682 1055.

The Port Lincoln Visitors Information Centre is has loads of information about the area. Phone 08 8683 3544 or www.visitportlincoln.net or email on info@visitportlincoln.net

7. Further Comments

- Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups