PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: February 2015

Centre number: 6604

Centre name: Bute & District Kindergarten & Rural Care

1. General information

- Preschool Director
Vicki Reichelt
- Postal address
C/O Post Office, Bute SA 5560
- Location address
Third St Bute
- DECD Partnership
Northern Yorke
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
140km
- Telephone number
88262230
- Fax number
88262337
- Preschool website address: www.butekgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address
dl.6604.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
10/9
- Co-located/stand-alone
Stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
  □ orientation
    as arranged with Director
  □ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
    600 hours over 4 terms
Rural Care – The Rural Care program offers a long day care service for children 0-12 years, 4 children 0-5 and 3 school aged children. Care may be provided for up to 10 hours per day for five days per week per child depending on availability. Sessions commence at 8am and finish at 6pm Monday to Friday for 48 weeks of the year.

Extended Care
OSHC available under rural Care system

Bilingual Support
Offered as English as a second language

Preschool Support
Offered in the terms prior to starting school

2. Key Centre Policies

Through staff and community collaboration Bute and District Kindergarten will strive to develop a holistic Early Years Campus providing a range of quality care and educational programmes to support children, students and families of the Bute District.

We also strive to achieve exceeds the National Quality Standards or higher in all 7 National Quality Standards as assessed by the Australian Children’s Education & Care Quality Care through the national quality rating and assessment process.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Year Learning Framework for Australia (EYLF)

   Through staff and community collaboration Bute & District Kindergarten will strive to provide a range of quality care and education programs to meet the needs of children and students aged 0-12 years. The centre will provide a fun & enjoyable environment with a focus on play based learning. The centre will educate parents, children, students, and the Bute Community on the importance of the early years.

- Core Values

  Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Trust
• Specific curriculum approaches
  Curriculum focus is to provide a child focussed, interest based learning through play curriculum
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  Cross age activities with R/1/2 class at Bute Primary School

4. Centre Based Staff
• Staff Profile
  0.8 Early Childhood/Rural Care Director, 0.5 ECW, 12hrs RCW, 18hrs RCW 25hrs RCW. Site is also funded under Universal Access
• Performance Management Program
  Twice a year and on as needs basis
• Access to special support staff
  Available at a Regional level
• Other
  Pre-school support worker as required

5. Centre Facilities
• Buildings and grounds
  Main building is set in large picturesque setting with mature trees providing shade over southern play area. Large lawn area with pathways and scented plants. Vegetable garden, flower beds and native scrub area. Large paved area. A large sandpit and soft fall area both sheltered with a large shade. The site has undergone a major upgrade of the outdoor Learning Environment in 2012.
• Capacity (per session)
  27
• Centre Ownership
  Owned and maintained by DECD with the help of parents and staff.
• Access for children and staff with disabilities
  Ramp access onto verandah area.
• Other
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- **General characteristics:**
  - General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  - Healthy, happy, rural children from supportive, stable family life and conservative community. Children are very happy to attend kindy sessions
- **Parent and community involvement in the preschool**
  - Governing Council, excursions, volunteering, busy bees. Parent involvement in the centre is utilised when required. The centre is strongly supported by the wider community
- **Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool**
  - Bute or Kadina Primary School and Harvest Christian School in Kadina
- **Other local care and educational facilities,**
  - Bute Primary School
- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**
  - Bute is also located within a predominantly wide farming district with families accessing Kadina for business, shopping and recreational facilities
- **Other local facilities**
  - The local sporting club provides a range of sporting facilities. Services in the town include the local Deli, IGA, Hotel, Garage, Rural Transaction Centre, Mechanic/service station, Caravan Park and farming supplies. Doctor visits Bute Clinic once a week.
- **Availability of staff housing**
  - Limited housing available for purchase or rent (For more information enquire real estate agencies Kadina Pt Broughton or “Word of mouth’’)
- **Accessibility**
  - Buses depart from from Port Broughton or Kadina Daily
- **Local Government**
  - District Council of Barrunga West (ph 88 262 011)

7. **Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
  - Playgroup offered in collaboration with the kindy during school term.