

PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 03/2022

Centre number: 3647

Centre name: Madge Sexton Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Madge Sexton Kindergarten
- Centre number: 3647
- Preschool Director: Tennille Langeluddecke
- Postal address: 249 Main Road, McLaren Vale, 5171
- Location address: 249 Main Road, McLaren Vale, 5171
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- Email address: dl.3647.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Department for Education Partnership: Sea and Vines
- Geographical location: 38 Kilometres from GPO
- Physical Capacity: 55
- Stand-alone operating, located alongside McLaren Vale Primary School
- Programs operating
 - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - 2 groups of 2 full days and 1 x 2.5 hour session
 - Group 1: Mon pm/Tuesday all day/ Wednesday all day
 - Group 2: Thursday all day / Friday all day / Mon am
 - ❖ Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded): N/A
 - ❖ Extended Care: N/A
 - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program: 2 Full Days with LTC each week, per group.
 - ❖ Bilingual Support: Available through DfE
 - ❖ Preschool Support: Requested from Department for Education as required.

Partnerships 21 status: local management

2. Key Centre Policies

Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose

Learning Dispositions

Literacy / Numeracy

Reggio Emilia Prototype Site

Pedagogical Documentation

3. Curriculum

Early Years Learning Framework (BBB)

Respect, Reflect Relate (RRR)

Preschool indicators of Literacy and Numeracy

Specific curriculum approaches

Reggio Emilia influences – voice of child strong in learning programmes, strong sense of belonging, identity & connections

Respect for the child

Strong Art/Creativity focus – supported by atelieristas (art focus teachers)
Strong literacy focus - Oral language & pre-reading & pre-writing
Strong numeracy focus – Big Ideas in Number
Nature play principles
The use of Pedagogical Documentation for formative assessment and to ensure child-agency

4. Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile (2022)

- 1.0 Director
- 2.0 Teachers (Comprising 1 full time, 2 part time positions)
- 3.2 ECWs (2 full-time, 1 part-time)
- Preschool Support Worker (2 part-time)

Performance Management Program: Reviewed annually
Access to special support staff

5. Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds: co-located on the site of the McLaren Vale Primary School.
Capacity (per session): 55 children
Centre Ownership: The premises are owned by Department for Education
Access for children and staff with disabilities: Indoor and outdoor wheelchair access.
Wheelchair access through main gate.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments): The centre is situated in McLaren Vale in the Onkaparinga Council which is a semi-rural wine growing area. Families using this centre come from a variety of Anglo Saxon and multicultural backgrounds.