PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2675
Centre name: Tanunda Kindergarten

1. General information
   - Preschool Director - Petrea Smith
   - Postal address - MacDonnell Street, TANUNDA SA 5352
   - Location address - as above
   - DECS Region - Barossa
   - Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) - 80 kms
   - Telephone number - 08 8563 2796
   - Fax number - 08 8563 0725
   - Preschool website address: dl.2675_leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
   - Preschool e-mail address kindy.director@tanundakgn.sa.edu.au
   - Enrolment/Attendance
     
     | Year | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
     |------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
     | Enrolment average per term | 65 | 55 | 68 | 56 | 74 | 64 |
     | Attendance average per term | 88% | 80% | 86% | 88% | 86% | 93% |
• Co-located/stand-alone - stand alone

• Programs operating at the preschool
  ¢ Transition - Transition provides children with the opportunity to become familiar with the preschool environment. This session runs when numbers allow.
  ¢ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children - eligible children may access 15 hours of preschool per week.
  ¢ Extended Care - for those children who have additional needs and will benefit from extra time at kindergarten.
  ¢ Lunch/Full Day Program - lunch care is offered. Families provide lunch for their own children.
  ¢ Bilingual Support - Available when needed
  ¢ Preschool Support - Available when needed
  ¢ Toy library: For a small fee families are able to borrow a wide range of toys, games and DVD’s. Open Wednesday 9 – 11am.

2. Key Centre Policies

• Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  Our core business is to provide quality education and care to children prior to school entry, in a safe, welcoming environment, where staff, families, the community and other services work together in a mutually supportive way.

3. Curriculum

• Framework used: - Early Years Learning Framework

• Core Values - Courtesy, trust, honesty, respect, responsibility, caring, equity, fairness, commitment, creativity

• Specific curriculum approaches - Learning through Play, responsive and child focussed.
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects -transition programmes with local schools exist.

4. Centre Based Staff

• Staff Profile  
  - Director 1.00 FTE  
  - Teacher 1.00 FTE (currently 2 x .5 FTE)  
  - Early Childhood Worker .5 FTE

• Performance Management Program -Yes

• Access to special support staff Through the DECS referral process children with special needs may be eligible for support and individual programming. Additional staff may be employed to support such children. Our centre works in collaboration with Barossa Health, Novita and other services as the need arises.

• Other

5. Centre Facilities

• Buildings and grounds -Centre was rebuilt in 1984 and set in a vast and beautiful garden with natural shade. The centre has a stand alone Toy Library building as well.

• Centre Ownership-The centre belongs to DECS. The land and the Toy Library to the kindergarten.

• Access for children and staff with disabilities - Provisions exist from access to buildings and children’s toilets for wheelchair access. Ramps and hand rails provide access to sand pit and play platform.

• Other

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

• General characteristics: -The Barossa Valley has a strong German heritage and many families work in the wine and tourism industries.

• Parent and community involvement in the preschool  
  -Parents are encouraged to be involved and we have a very supportive community and families  
  :all parents are rostered to do some gardening with VIP cutting the lawns
very committed and energetic Governing Council

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  The children usually transfer to Tanunda Primary School and the Tanunda Lutheran School. A small percentage transfer to other schools in the Barossa Valley.

- Other local care and educational facilities,
  - Tanunda Primary School, Tanunda Lutheran School & Early Learning Centre, OSHC at the primary school, Barossa Creche, Stepping Stone Child Care and Family Day Care provide child care, Faith Lutheran Secondary School, Nuriootpa High School.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - Tanunda is a busy tourist and wine region. Services are good, including, supermarkets, banks and post office.

- Other local facilities
  - Medical centres, recreation centre (gym, pool, courts), sporting clubs, service clubs, dance classes.

- Availability of staff housing
  - Private rental and sales through local agents.

- Accessibility
  - 80kms from Adelaide, daily buses to Adelaide, close to other towns in the Barossa Valley, Taxi service

- Local Government
  - Barossa Council (08) 85642042
  - Tanunda Information Centre provides publications and information to tourists

7. Further Comments