PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6507
Centre name: Carol Murray Children’s Centre

1. General information
   • Preschool Director Deb Downing
   • Postal address 1 Dinning Terrace Bordertown SA 5268
   • Location address 1 Dinning Terrace Bordertown SA 5268
   • DECD Region Limestone Coast
   • Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 275 kms
   • Telephone number 87521374
   • Fax number 87520463
   • Preschool website address: www.carolmurraycc.sa.edu.au
• Preschool e-mail address admin@carolmurraycc.sa.edu.au

• Enrolment/Attendance
  58 preschool children
  32 childcare places

• Co-located/stand-alone
  Integrated Site (DECD preschool and Community based childcare)

• Programs operating at the preschool
   Pre Entry
   Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
   Extended Care (Child care 8am – 6 pm. 50 weeks per year)
   Lunch/Full Day Program
   Bilingual Support
   Preschool Support

2. **Key Centre Policies**

• Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  Literacy
  Numeracy
  Well Being

3. **Curriculum**

• Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
  Respect Reflect Relate

• Core Values
  To provide a positive caring, teaching and learning environment for the
  needs and development of our children and their families.

• Specific curriculum approaches Play based curriculum birth – 5 years.
• Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

2012 AEDI grant working in partnership with local government and other agencies in the Tatiara.

4. **Centre Based Staff**

• Staff Profile 19 staff at Centre
  6 DECD staff (including bi lingual and preschool support)
  2 Admin staff (shared position)
  12 childcare staff (perm part time positions)
  A number of staff work in both programs.

• Performance Management Program
  All staff have Performance Development program

• Access to special support staff
  Centre access support through
  Community Health
  DECD regional staff
  Inclusive Directions

5. **Centre Facilities**

• Buildings and grounds
  Preschool originally built in mid 1950’s.
  Childcare/integrated extension in 1996.
  All children and staff share one outdoor play space

• Capacity (per session)
  Total Centre capacity 72 children
  40 preschool
  32 childcare places

• Centre Ownership DECD with community based childcare (Governing Council)

• Access for children and staff with disabilities Yes
6. **Local Community** (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
  - Country community, employment in skilled and non skilled areas: meatworks, agriculture and transport industries.
  - Strong multiracial community focus.
  - Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  - Strong Parent and community support for Integrated service

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  - Bordertown Primary School
  - Mundulla Primary school

- Other local care and educational facilities,
  - Bordertown High School

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - 7 day supermarket
  - Banking etc

- Other local facilities
  - Hospital, medical facilities and 4 local doctors.
  - Well maintained sporting and recreational facilities

- Availability of staff housing
  - Local rental housing
  - Accessibility
  - Regular bus services to Adelaide and Melbourne

- Local Government
  - Tatiara District Council

7. **Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
  - Centre in a cluster with local schools.