PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 6560
Centre name: Callington Kindergarten

1. General information
   - Centre name: Callington Kindergarten
   - Centre number: 6560
   - Preschool Director: Bridget Klingberg
   - Postal address: Callington Kindergarten, Callington Road, Callington, 5254
   - Location address: as above
   - Telephone number: 85385 123
   - Fax number: 85385 419
   - e-mail address: kindy.director@callingtonkgn.sa.edu.au
   - DECS District: Hills/Murraylands
   - Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 50 km along South Eastern Freeway
   - Enrolment/Attendance: 10 over two days
   - Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone, co-located with Callington Primary School
   - Programs operating
     - Pre Entry: yes
     - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: Yes, Wednesday all day, Thursday all day
2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
     1. Building Relationships
     2. Improving wellbeing for children and families

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used: SACSA
     :Yes
   - Core Values
     :Trust, Commitment, Respect, Equity
   - Specific curriculum approaches
     :Play based, with strong emphasis on Engagement and Wellbeing.
   - Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
     : Connection with Monarto Zoological park, through the Education Officer
     Joint activities with classes in the Primary School, work with Communities for Children program.

4. **Centre Based Staff**
   - Staff Profile
     :Director 0.5
Negotiated ECW 0.5  
Occ Care worker 0.2

- Performance Management Program
  Parent surveys, staff meetings
- Access to special support staff
  : Yes, through the District Office in Murray Bridge
- Other
  : Preschool support ECW available locally

5. **Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds
  : New facility built 2001
- Capacity (per session)
  : 25
- Centre Ownership
  : DECS
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  : Ramps to all areas, wheelchair access to toilets, etc, changing facilities
- Other
  : Access to town oval, school playground, school library, school bus

6. **Local Community** *(intended for country preschools)*

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  : Callington Kindergarten is located on the Callington Primary School grounds and was established in the early 1980s. Callington Primary School and Kindergarten are the only educational facilities within a 25-km radius. We are located in a low socio-economic semi-isolated rural community with no public transport to larger townships and therefore limited access to facilities. The townships of Callington and Kanmantoo are undergoing considerable growth, with housing developments in both towns. Our core business is to facilitate expanding learning outcomes for children and families. We will do this by providing:

  A knowledgeable staff team eager to work in partnership with parents;
  A play based curriculum which focuses on each child’s background, interests, strengths and needs;
  Quality teaching practices and interactions which support each child’s learning and development of knowledge, life skills, competencies and attitudes.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  : Governing Council active
Parents involvement in excursions, fundraising, working bees, session activities

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  - Callington Primary School, Nairne Primary school, St Francise de Sale, Unity College,

- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
  - Family Day Care, OSHC available in pm at school

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - Nearest major shopping at Mt Barker/ Murray Bridge (about 25 kms to each centre)

- Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
  - Football Club, AusKick, Little Athletics, Hotel, CFS, Cricket Club

- Availability of staff housing
  - Limited rental accommodation in town, or Murray Bridge/ Mt Barker

- Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality
  - Limited public transport, good quality freeway access

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

7. **Further Comments**

- Establishment of new services and/or programs
- Partnership/incorporation arrangements with other groups
  - strong possibility of additional Occasional Care session beginning in 2009
  - Monday morning “parenting classes” run weekly with support from Communities for Children