PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 2692
Centre name: Lyndoch Valley Family Centre

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Christine Townsend
- Postal address: Lyndoch Post Office
- Location address: 8 William Street, Lyndoch, SA 5351
- DECS Region: Barossa
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 52kms
- Telephone number: 85244722
- Fax number: 85244378
- Preschool website address: http://www.lyndochfc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: kindy.director@lyndochfc.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: enrolments 2011 averaged 37 children, 2011 attendances averaged 95%

☐ Co-located/stand-alone: Stand-alone building located on a site adjacent to Lyndoch Primary
• Programs operating at the preschool

  ¢ Pre Entry: We are not funded by Department of Education and Child Development (DECD) for Pre entry sessions so this service depends on our child to staff ratios and is operated at the Director’s discretion.

  ¢ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

  ¢ Occasional Care
    We are funded for Occasional Care which operates on Tuesday morning 9-11.45 and 12-2.45

  ¢ Lunch/Full Day Program
    All children generally attend 2 full day sessions (12 hours) including lunch care. Universal Acces (15 hours of preschool) will be starting in term 3 2012 and we are currently seeking information from families that will help guide our planning with this.

  ¢ Preschool Support
    Extra support for speech/language etc is applied for on a needs basis and in consultation with relevant DECD specialist eg Speech Pathologist, Occupational Therapist etc
2. **Key Centre Policies**
   - Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose: In line with the Barossa Regional Plan our priorities are Numeracy and Aboriginal Education
   - The centre has a play based, interest based learning program that is in line with the Early Years Learning Framework
   - Currently all our policies are under review to come into line with National Quality Standards. DECD has issued some policies/templates that are available on the DECD homepage. These policies are being reviewed by all preschools in the Barossa Region.
   - Priorities for Professional Development include- Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) and Reflect, Respect, Relate (RRR) and National Quality Framework (NQF)

3. **Curriculum**
   - Framework used: “Early Years Learning Framework Becoming, Belonging and Being”
   - Core Values: As part of the National Quality Standards our core values are currently being reviewed by staff and families
   - Specific curriculum approaches
     - The learning program is play based and interest based and is in line with the “Early Years Learning Framework”
   - Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
     - We have a strong transition program with the Lyndoch Primary

4. **Centre Based Staff**
   - Staff Profile
     - Our staffing changes as our numbers change however our base staffing is 0.5 Director, 0.5 Teacher and 0.5 ECW and Occasional Care worker one day per week
   - Performance Management Program
     - All staff work with the Director on Performance Planning
• Access to special support staff: In consultation with staff and families the Director will refer children to specialized staff such as Speech Pathologist when necessary

• Other:

5. Centre Facilities

• Buildings and grounds: Asset number 06996, Year of opening – 1989, outdoor play space currently under review inline with National Quality Standards

• Capacity (per session): Site capacity of 30

• Centre Ownership: DECD

• Access for children and staff with disabilities: Flat site, easy access to building, Priority parking for people with Disability Permit

• Other:
6. **Local Community (intended for country preschools)**

- General characteristics: Lyndoch is a growing semi-rural town situated on the edge of the Barossa Valley approximately 14 kms from Gawler. There is a lack of public transport.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: There are a small number of very active parents on Governing Council and a commitment by some families to be involved at the centre.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:
  - Lyndoch Primary
  - Sandy Creek Primary
  - St Jacobi
  - Trinity College
  - Williamstown Primary

- Other local care and educational facilities,
  - Out of Hours School Care - at the adjacent Lyndoch Primary and available to preschool children on request
  - Southern Barossa Child Care – many children access this service as well as our site

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: bakery, hairdressers, butcher, supermarket, caryard and auto care, op-shop, hotel, petrol station, hardware, gallery and craft shop

- Other local facilities: Oval, village green with pavilion

- Availability of staff housing: Nil

- Accessibility: Nil public transport

- Local Government: Barossa Council

7. **Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups; Preschool Health Checks once per term, Work Experience Students from various High Schools,