

# Moana Kindergarten

## PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**Centre number:** 3690

**Centre name:** Moana Kindergarten

### 1. General information

- Director – Sophie Northcott

Postal address: Schooner Road, Seaford 5169

Location address: As Above (Northern side of Moana Primary School, next to Seaford/ Moana Neighbourhood Centre)

- DECD River Hub Partnership

Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)  
Seaford is 30 kms from GPO in the Council of Onkaparinga

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- Preschool website address: <http://www.moanakgn.sa.edu.au/>
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- Enrolment/Attendance:

: The kindergarten has increased in the number of enrolments during the past 5 years due to increase housing availability in the area. Currently the kindergarten reaches its capacity of 66 children each term. The Kindergarten offers the equivalent of 15 hours per week of preschool for children in their eligible year that is the year before school entry. The kindergarten runs from Monday to Friday, with starting 8.30am -3pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, plus alternate Wednesdays 8.30am-1.30pm (no Wednesday sessions for the last two weeks of each term due to longer operating hours).

The children attend 2 full days and an alternate Wednesday morning.

Co-located/stand-alone

: The kindergarten is a stand-alone site, situated on the north side of the Moana Primary schools grounds. The kindergarten has opportunity to access school facilities like the school oval, library and hall.

- Programs operating at the preschool
- ☐ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday- 8.30am -3pm

Alternate Wednesdays – 8.30am-12.30pm

☐ Extended Care

Seaford Early Learning Centre is a children care centre who has a good relationship with the kindergarten. This is a private child care located nearby that provides extended care with a pick up/drop off service for our kindergarten children during term.

## 2. Curriculum

### • Framework used

: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia. 'Belonging, Being and Becoming'. It has a specific emphasis on play based learning and recognises the importance of communication and language (including early literacy and numeracy) and social and emotional development.

### • Core Values

: Each child will access a quality learning environment which is inclusive, accessible, and equitable and play based. Each child is encouraged to develop a positive growth mindset, self-concept and enthusiasm for learning while being supported in their individual learning. The kindergarten will encourage and support the involvement of families and the community, while respecting and valuing their needs and expectations. Staff will provide quality teaching and learning experiences for all children which are current, research based and authentic. Environmental sustainable practices are imbedded.

## 3. Centre Based Staff

### • Staff Profile

: Moana Kindergarten has a full time Director and two .7 teachers and two (.5) Early Childhood Workers. The director works five full days while two teachers work 3 and half day . The two ECW work 2and half days.

### • Performance Management Program

: Staff are expected to take part in the Training and Professional Development Strategy (one week training in own time for the shorten school year) Training is expected to be in line with the Quality Improvement Plan

### • Access to special support staff

: Support workers are available through DECD Special Services usually for half an hour each week for children with developmental or speech needs

## 4. Centre Facilities

### • Buildings and grounds

: The Moana Kindergarten is on the northern corner of the Moana Primary school grounds. The building is set in a lovely natural garden with trees, native plants, a sensory garden, flowers and vegetable garden which are and cared for by the children, their families and a gardener.

### • Capacity (per session)

: 33 children per session.

### • Centre Ownership

: DECD.

- Access for children and staff with disabilities

: Disabled parking for parents or staff is available in the Seaford/Moana Neighbourhood House. The grounds of the Kindergarten are flat except for the garden mound with slide. The building is on one level.

## 5. Local Community

General characteristics:

: Moana Kindergarten is in the older section of the rapidly growing community of Seaford and Seaford Rise. The Kindergarten is a short distance from the beach (5 minutes) and there is a strong beach culture in the area.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool

: The Governing Council meets twice a term at the Kindergarten. Goals for the outdoor learning environment include providing a more natural environment to encourage creativity and problem solving skills in children, as well as an appreciation of our natural environment.

: Most children attend the Moana Primary School or All Saints Catholic School, with others attending schools in the River Hub, (Seaford, Seaford Rise, Noarlunga). A small number transfer to other Independent Schools.

- Other local care and educational facilities,

: The Kindergarten is part of a partnership of schools and preschools called the "RIVER HUB". The sites include Moana Kindergarten, Moana Primary School, Seaford K -7 School, Seaford Rise Kindergarten, Seaford Rise Primary School, Old Noarlunga Primary, Frieda Corpe Kindergarten, Port Noarlunga Primary and Seaford Secondary College.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

There is abundant shopping nearby which includes the Seaford Shopping Centre and local take away shops

Community facilities include

- the Onkaparinga Seaford Library
- Seaford Hotel
- Small Business Firms
- Bus to Colonnades Shopping Centre and train to the City