Context Statement- Brinkworth Preschool

Centre Number: 6658
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1. General Information
   Centre name: Brinkworth Preschool
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   DECD District: Yorke and Mid North
   Road Distance from GPO: 180 kms
   Enrolment numbers 15 - 21
   Co-located Brinkworth Primary School
   Programs operating in the centre
     Rural Entry
     Funded Occasional care
     Lunch/Full Day Program
     Early Intervention
     Play Group
     CYWHS
   Enrolment/ attendance trends: Attendance varies from 15 - 20 children.
   Brinkworth Preschool commenced operation at this site in 1977.

2. Children
   General characteristics: Children travel from surrounding farming properties
   and local towns. (eg. Blyth, Koolunga, Yacka & Georgetown). Children are well
   supported by their families.
   Special needs support: Speech support is the most common support requested.
   Child Protection and You Can Do It curriculum is implemented.
   Centre Priorities:
     Literacy - Emergent Literacy and Troll Data collection
     Numeracy
     Strengthening community links
     Engagement and Wellbeing

3. Curriculum
   Framework used : Early Years Learning Framework--BBB
   Core Values: Lifelong learning- Caring – Trust – Responsibility – Diligence
   – Respect –
   Fairness - Equity and Honesty
   Regular cross age activities with Brinkworth Primary JP Class.

4. Other Co-Curricular activities
Playgroup held regularly on Friday morning.
Funded Occasional Care held every Thursday morning—2-5yrs
Transition visits are arranged with individual schools.

5. **Staff**
   - Staff profile: Director - 0.4.
   - ECW1 0.35
   - ECW1 4.5 hours per week – Occasional Care
   - Finance Officer – 2 hours per week
   - Preschool support staff employed for children with additional needs
     - Staff support systems: District and Assistant District Director, District Office
     - Support Personnel, other leaders, Parent Voice.
     - Performance Management Program: Director- Meetings & pro chats with District
     - Director, Personal Performance Development Plan (PPDP) agreement signed
     - and regularly updated. ECW- Director to similarly organise time for documented
     - agreement of identified areas for growth and T&D needed.
     - Access to special support: Growing Healthy Kids Team and DECD Special
     - Ed support staff.

6. **Centre Facilities**
   - Buildings & grounds: Prefab building with large verandah. Building is co-
     located on the
   - same grounds as Brinkworth Primary School with a fence separating the two.
   - One
   - storage shed located to the East of the building.
     - Capacity: Maximum 25 children.
     - Centre ownership: DECD.
     - Access for children & staff with disabilities: Ramp and double doors at the
     - main
     - entrance [rear of the building].

7. **Centre Operations**
   - Decision making structures: Director and staff in conjunction with the Parent
     Representatives on the Governing Council. Representation and a report also
     given at
   - Parent Voice meetings.
     - Constitution: Updated 2008
     - Regular publications: Newsletters, report to school council, article submitted
     - in the
     - town publication “The Black & White Rag.”
   - Other Communication Processes: Notice board, personal 'pockets,'
     newsletters at local
   - shop, Northern Argus [local district paper], notices posted at other local town
     shops /
   - noticeboards.

8. **Local Community**
   - General Characteristics: A majority of families have one or more parent
     employed. Very
   - few families are of other cultures or races.
Feeder Schools: Vineyard Lutheran School, St Josephs Catholic Primary, Blyth, Koolunga and Brinkworth Primary Schools.

Town Library based at school, community pool, town oval, tennis courts, hotel and bowling green.

Availability of staff housing: none available in town, contact real estate agents in Clare to inquire for nearby towns, including; Blyth, Koolunga and Yacka all within 15 minutes of centre.

Closest service towns include, Clare, Snowtown and Crystal Brook, with hospitals, shopping, clinics, sporting facilities and other amenities.

Accessibility: car necessary.


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