Darlington Children's Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting
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PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 4/2/2026

Centre number: **3624**

Centre name: **Darlington Children's Centre**

1. General information

- Preschool Director — Kim Cook
  - Postal address — 12A Kurrajong Place
Seacombe Gardens
SA 5047
- DECD Partnership — Marion Coast
- Geographical location — 15 Km from GPO
- Telephone number — 08 8296 2686
- Preschool website address — www.darlingtoncc.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address — dl.3624.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance

  The kindergarten has a cap for 2026 of 55 children accessing Kindergarten across the week. Kindergarten enrolments reflect the diverse cultural background of the community with many families speaking more than one language.

- Co-located/stand-alone

  Darlington Children's Centre adjoins Darlington Primary School. Darlington Children's Centre provides a range of Early Childhood Education and Care services for children from 0 years to 6 years and their families. The Centre also provides a range of community and allied health support programs through the preschool and community centre. These include, a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, supported targeted and general community playgroups, parenting and child programs provided by centre staff and pattern agencies and Cafhs.

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- Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children with a term one and term three start point based on the child's age
- Occasional Care (funded) There are currently 5 over two-year-old sessions per week from Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and Thursday afternoon for 3 hours. We offer an under-two's session on Friday mornings.
- Associated Programs- Early Entry for children who are eligible based on capacity of site. Children can access up to 6 hours in the term before commencing at the kindergarten in term 2 before mid-year intake or in term 4 for term one in take the following year.
- Bilingual Support for children who are new arrivals where English is their second language. This includes children who are new arrivals to Australia and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- Preschool Support for children who have been identified/verified as having additional needs that may need support
- Playgroups across the week for all families along with targeted playgroup
- Baby playgroup
- Circle of security program and brining up great kids
- Speech pathologist and Occupational Therapist part time to support staff and provide information sessions, programs, and support for the community
- Cafhs clinic
- Inklings program

2. Key Centre Policies

- DfE policies
- Centre specific polices that link with National Quality Standards which include:
  - Safe sleep and rest
  - Sun protection
  - Water safety
  - Interactions with children
  - Food and nutrition
  - Occasional care priority of access procedure
  - Safe use of digital technologies

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework V2

This document is designed to extend and enrich children's learning from birth to five years through the transition to school. The Framework forms the foundation for ensuring that children in all early childhood education and care settings experience quality teaching and learning. 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.

- Child Protection Curriculum

The CPC teaches all children from a young age in an appropriate way to

  - Recognise abuse and tell a trusted adult about it
  - Understand what appropriate and inappropriate touching is
  - Understand ways of keeping themselves safe
  - Understand the correct terminology of their body parts

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile

Director
Preschool Teachers
Early Childhood Workers
Preschool Support-based on child enrolments
Bilingual support- based on child enrolments
Occasional care ECW
Administration Office
Speech Pathologist
Occupational Therapist

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5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

A solid brick purpose build Kindergarten which is well maintained and resourced with an extensive shady outdoor learning environment. Built in 1980 but celebrated its 50th birthday in servicing Darlington community in 2004

This site celebrates its daily connection to Kaurna land and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories.

- Capacity 45 children (including occasional care)
- The Centre has a community building (2015) that stands alongside the kindergarten building providing a space for community and family programs
- Centre Ownership

The Centre is owned by the Department for Education with part of the outdoor learning environment on a long-term lease from the City of Marion.

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

- General characteristics:

  Families who attend our Kindergarten, occasional care and family and community programs are from a diverse linguist, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. There are a large percentage of families from a language other than English. The centre has several Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander enrolments.

- Children typically transition to Darlington Primary School and to Stella Maris Parish School. Both schools are located next to the kindergarten.

- There are several local Child Care Centres – Good start, Goldilocks CCC, Diagonal Road Community CC, Sturt Road CCC, Flinders University CC.

- Darlington Children's Centre is a member of Marion Coast Partnership

- Locally the Children's Centre is very close to Westfield Shopping Centre, Flinders Medical Centre, Flinders University, the Marion Cultural complex, and the State Aquatic Centre

- Accessibility to Darlington Children's Centre is within easy walking from Westfield Marion where there are a range of bus options. Public buses are

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also available from Seacombe Road, Miller Street and Morphett Road which are then in walking distance to the site.

- The Darlington Children's Centre is located within the City of Marion