Information Handbook 2026

Coromandel Valley Kindergarten

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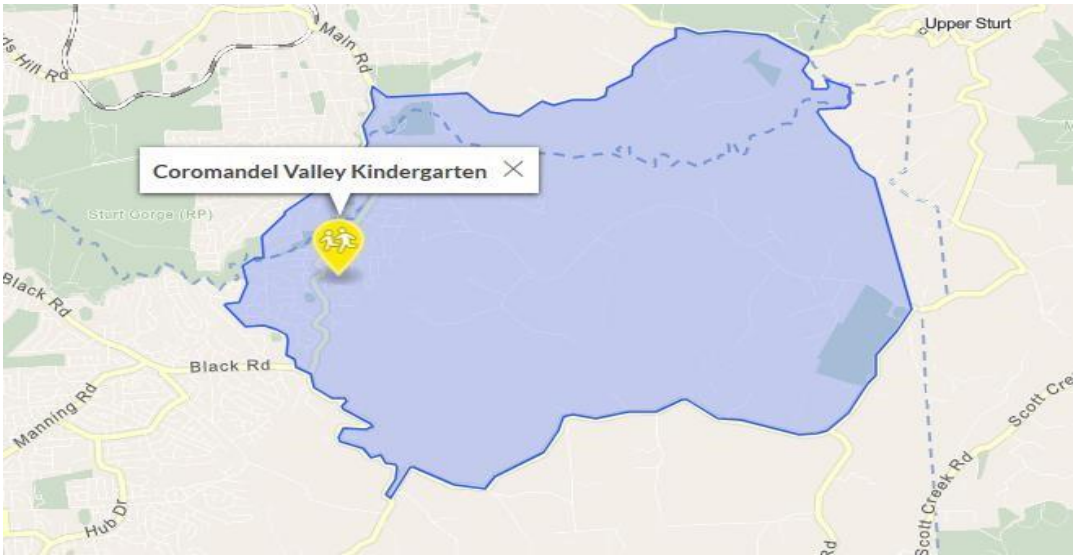
Context

Coromandel Valley Kindergarten is a standalone preschool located 16kms from Adelaide CBD in the Adelaide Hill within the council area on Onkaparinga. Set on a spacious, shaded block, the kindergarten provides ample outdoor learning opportunities. The natural surroundings are integral to the curriculum, promoting exploration and connection with nature.



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Meet the Team

- **Sophie James:** Preschool Director & Teacher on Monday & Tuesady.
- **Suzanne Harris:** Teacher on Monday & Tuesday
- **Cat Elliott:** Early Childhood Worker – across both groups.
- **Louise Hill:** Early Childhood Educator - Working across both groups
- **Bron O'Sullivan:** Teacher on Thursday and Friday
- **Megan Jackson:** Teacher on a Thursday and Friday.

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Philosophy

At Coromandel Valley Kindergarten we model and encourage empathy, kindness and **respect** to build strong relationships and promote a caring, cooperative community with a deep connection to the Kaurna land on which we play and learn.

We believe that children learn best when they are **happy**, supported, and free to explore their world with curiosity and wonder. We are committed to nurturing each child's individual dispositions, sense of **belonging** and wellbeing by creating a safe, inclusive, and engaging environment.

We prioritise **learning through play** as the foundation for development; understanding that play is how children make sense of the world. We balance intentional teaching with an emergent child led based curriculum through a culture of inquiry. We are committed to providing hands-on experiences and rich interactions, whereby children build **independence** and **resilience**, through continuous discovery.

Each child is seen as a capable and unique individual. We foster **inclusion**, providing opportunities for every child to express themselves, lead their own learning, grow at their own pace, and feel respected, valued and heard.

Children learn to care for the environment and be respectful of Kaurna land through exploring **Aboriginal perspectives** and participating in **sustainable practises** such as reusing, reducing, and recycling.

Our commitment is to empower children to be confident, curious, kind, and resilient learners who feel connected, capable, and embrace learning as a life-long adventure.

Written May 2025 in consultation with the children and families.

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Site Information

Session Times

We run two different groups. Upon enrol, families can choose their preference.

Banksia Group: Mondays & Tuesday 8:15am-3:45pm

Wattle Group: Thursday & Friday 8:15-3:45pm

Fees

Fees contributes are $230 per term. These fees help to cover the cost of incursions/excursion, materials and staffing.

Playgroup

Playgroup is on most *Wednesdays* during term time, 9:00am - 10:30am. Sessions are free to attend and have no bookings requirements.

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Rhythm of the Day

We have a rhythm of the day that supports children to be able to predict the events happening within their Kindy day. This rhythm is flexible to support children's individual needs. Please see approximate timings below:

8:15am Arrival Time, Indoor Play

9:00am Free Flow Indoor/Outdoor Play

11:00am Last call for Morning Fruit

11:45am Group Story Time

12noon Lunch

12:30pm Free Flow Indoor/Outdoor Play

2:45pm Last Call for afternoon snack

3.00pm Pack Up Time

3.15pm Group Time

3:45pm Departure Time

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Enrolment

Children are entitled to access 4 terms (1 year) of government preschool in the year before they start school.

- Before 1 May are eligible to start preschool at the beginning of the year.
- On 1 May to 31 October can commence preschool through the mid-year intake at the start of term 3 of that year
- After 31 October will be eligible to commence preschool at the start of the following year.

Regardless of whether your child starts at the beginning of the year, or through a mid-year intake they will undertake 4 terms of preschool. If you're unsure about the best time for your child to start preschool, talk to our preschool director about your options.

Catchment Areas

There is a priority of access guideline which supports local families to attend their local preschool. If you are not local you are still very welcome to register your interest, but it is recommended you also register your interest at your local kindergarten.

Immunisation Requirements

Children cannot be enrolled in or attend preschool unless all immunisation requirements are met (No Jab, No Play).

Register Interest to Enrol

Complete a Preschool Registration of Interest Form and email or hand it into us. We advise you do this at least 2 terms prior to when you child is due to start.

Enrolment Offers

An offer to enrol will be sent out to families in term 3 (for a term 1 start) or term 1 (for mid-year start). Once an offer has been sent and you accept the offer, we will ask you to complete enrolment forms and an official welcome will be sent with more details of transition visits and start dates early in the term prior to your child starting.

Parents will be invited to attend an Information Session in term 2 or term 4. You will learn about what your child will need at preschool, how learning is supported and ways you can be involved.

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Curriculum

Coromandel Valley Kindergarten uses the Early Years Learning Framework V 2.0 (EYLF) to support children's wellbeing and learning within a play-based environment. The EYLF is a national framework for children from birth to five years and describes childhood as a time of belonging, being and becoming:

- **Belonging**: is the basis for living a fulfilling life. Children feel they belong because of the relationships they have with their family, community, culture and place.
- **Being:** is about living here and now. Childhood is a special time in life and children need time to just 'be' - time to play, try new things and have fun.
- **Becoming:** is about the learning and development that young children experience. Children start to form their sense of identity from an early age, which shapes the type of adult they will become.

The framework has 5 outcomes:

- Outcome 1: Children have a strong sense of identity
- Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
- Outcome 3: Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
- Outcome 4: Children are confident and involved learners.
- Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators.

Individual Learning Plans and Goals

At Coromandel Valley Kindergarten we value our connections with families. We hold "Family Chats" three times a year to discuss your children individual learning journey and set goals for their social, emotional, literacy and numeracy development.

Communication App - SeeSaw

Once you are enrolled at kindy you will be given access to our SeeSaw account. Here we share photos and information about you your child's learning as well as notes, and newsletters.

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General Information

Arrival and Departure: Arrival time for Kindy is 8:15am, please refrain from entering the site before this time as educators are not able to supervise your child. This is a time for the team to discuss daily events and set-up the environment. Departure time is 3:45pm. We have flexible pick up and drop off times, however we kindly ask if you avoid drop off and picking up during our group time blocks of 9:00-9:30 and 3:00-3:30.

Signing in and out: Please remember to sign your child in/out each day- a clipboard will be located on the bench to the right as you enter the veranda area. If there are any changes about who is collecting your child, please let us know.

Unwell Child: Please keep your child at home if they are unwell, until their symptoms clear up and they are feeling better. It is important that you let us know if your child is unwell.

Absent Child: If your child is absent for any reason, please let us know by providing us with a phone call, SMS or email to share the absence and reason.

Healthy Eating – Our healthy eating policy encourages families to pack healthy food for their child/children. Healthy eating is essential to a child's development and helps support their learning at preschool. Please be aware we currently have children enrolled at our service who are anaphylactic to nuts and egg, and any contact could be life threatening, please NO NUTS or EGGS.

Your child's bag: Please ensure your child has multiple pairs of weather appropriate spare clothes (underwear, socks, jumper, t-shirts and pants/shorts). We do love outdoor play in all weather, so pack your child's bag accordingly.

Sun Safety: Pack a hat each day they attend and put sunscreen on your child before they arrive to kindy. When the UV is 3 or higher, children re-apply their sunscreen as required throughout the day. We have a filtered water tap for the children to use to refill their drink bottles as required.

Updating Information: If your contact details have changed, please let a staff member know so we can update our records. If your child's health condition has changed e.g. developed asthma, allergy, or any other health concerns please inform an educator.

Health Care Plan: If your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition or requires medication (short or long term), a specific health care plan MUST be provided. Please see staff for further guidance.

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