



SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2023

School number:	1882
School name:	Kangaroo Island Community Education
	Kingscote Campus 0758
	Parndana Campus 0651
	Penneshaw Campus 0336
	KICE Preschool 1610

School Profile:

1. General information

School Principal name	Mr Peter Philp
Postal Address	5 Centenary Avenue Kingscote SA 5223
Location Address	5 Centenary Avenue Kingscote SA 5223
DfE Portfolio	Noarlunga 1
DfE Partnership	KI Education Partnership
Geographical location:	Separated from mainland by 16kms then approx. 100kms to Adelaide
Telephone number:	08 8553 2074
School website address	http://www.kice.sa.edu.au/
School e-mail address	dl.1882.info@schools.sa.edu.au
Child Parent Centre (CPC) attached	Parndana Preschool

- **Year of Opening**

Kingscote Campus (1946, redeveloped 1978, 2008)

Parndana Campus (1959)

Penneshaw Campus (1967)

February FTE student enrolment 2023

Primary	Kingscote	Parndana	Penneshaw
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	Reception	30	20	6
	Year 1	37	12	10
	Year 2	37	9	2
	Year 3	44	14	18
	Year 4	41	7	7
	Year 5	48	17	5
	Year 6	37	12	9
	Year 7	33	19	7
Secondary				
	Year 8	39	20	3
	Year 9	41	19	
	Year 10	29	8	
	Year 11	22	7	
	Year 12	18	8	
Total		456	172	67
School Card	2023	14.25%	15.69%	31.34%
	2022	10.27%	10.89%	22.07%
NESB Enrolment	2023	1.75%	10.46%	2.98%
	2022	1.14%	10.25%	2.98%
Aboriginal Enrolment	2023	3.51%	1.74%	2.99%

Student enrolment trends:

Staffing numbers (as at February census):

KICE Principal - Peter Philp

- **KICE Staff**

Heads of Campus

- Kingscote Campus – Kathryn Harrison
- Parndana Campus – Alex Smith
- Penneshaw Campus – Louise Swinney-Snowball

KICE SSO, Teachers and ACEO Staff

- Leadership SSO – 37.5 HRS
- Teachers – 0.4 (FTE)
- ACEO - 16hrs
- SSO – 85HRS

Kingscote Campus Staff

- Leadership - 6.5 (FTE)
- Teaching Staff - 27.2 (FTE)
- SSO – 41252 HRS
- GSE – 37.5 HRS

Parndana Campus Staff

- Leadership - 3.3 (FTE)
- Teaching Staff - 9.8 (FTE)
- Preschool – 1.6 (FTE)
- SSO – 96 HRS
- Preschool SSO – 22.5 HRS
- GSE – 17.5 HRS

Penneshaw Campus Staff

- Leadership - 2.2 (FTE)
- Teaching Staff - 4.8 (FTE)
- SSO – 88.5 HRS

- **Public transport access:**

Regular flights (at least twice daily) from one airline; shuttle bus from the airport to Kingscote; regular (at least twice daily) ferry service from mainland to Penneshaw

- **Special site arrangements:**

Kangaroo Island Community Education consists of 3 campuses approximately 40, 60 and 80kms apart.

- Kangaroo Island Community Education Preschool - delivered at Parndana Campus
- Kangaroo Island R-6 – delivered at Kingscote, Parndana and Penneshaw Campuses
- Kangaroo Island Middle School 6-9 – delivered at Kingscote, Parndana and Penneshaw Campuses
- Kangaroo Island Senior School 10-12 – delivered at Kingscote and Parndana campuses.

Kangaroo Island Community Education (KICE) draws students from an island area of over 4,000 square kilometres. The island, which was named by National Geographic as the best island in the Asia Pacific region in 2007, consists of forested areas, much of which is National and Conservation Parks, farmland, pristine beaches, and a remarkable biodiversity. Tourism including ecotourism is growing; agriculture and aquaculture is diversifying, and

Kangaroo Island is widely recognised as South Australia's premier tourist destination.

Approximately two thirds of the island's student cohort access the school buses. We currently have a fleet of 12 buses.

Early, Primary and Middle Years Schooling are focus areas in each of the campuses; and the needs of Senior Secondary students are catered for in Kingscote and Parndana Campuses. Students travel between Campuses to access the Senior School Curriculum.

Parndana has a site based Preschool.

A focus on literacy and numeracy, within the broad context of student achievement and success, is underpinned by Literacy. "The Big 6 of Reading" and using DIBELS to identify individual needs and intervention.

We use a variety of strategies to ensure that students have a wide range of choice in subjects at Senior Secondary level.

Our current VET FIP is Rural Production. Parndana Campus has an indoor recirculated Barramundi System.

Special programs across Kangaroo Island sites include Music, Expressive Arts, and a number of combined Sports activities.

Links to the Kangaroo Island Community Health Service include proactive programs which focus on mental health for young people, immunisation, early intervention, and adolescent support programs as well as health checks and healthy living promotion.

Kangaroo Island Community Education is committed to protecting and supporting the education, health, safety and wellbeing of our students. There is one consolidated budget for the school, with Finance Officers based at each campus, and a Business Manager managing KICE business.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- **General characteristics**

Students are drawn from a wide range of family backgrounds including service industries (retailing, local government, commerce etc.), agriculture, aquaculture and tourism. The majority of students have rural, English speaking backgrounds. Students with identified special needs or disabilities are catered for with special education teachers and ancillary staff

- **Student support offered**

Personal and career counselling is provided at each campus.

KICE has 2 Christian Pastoral Support Workers involved in school/home liaison as well as providing support for the spiritual welfare of students. Eligible students receive special education and behavioural support. Student Support Service members visit each campus regularly including psychologist, speech pathologists, hearing and

behaviour support. Students have access to various vocational programmes and services.

A range of early intervention support is available to children in the early years through the F&KI Regional Office and Kangaroo Island Community Health Services

- **Student management**

The KICE Behaviour Management policy is consistent across each campus and is age appropriate.

A number of social skills programs are delivered in the three campuses, based on the PERMA model of positive psychology and Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Developing social skills is a priority across the early years' programs.

- **Student Government**

Each campus has an active Student Leadership Group, who meet regularly and are major components of student voice. They are making a growing contribution to school decision-making.

- **Special Programmes**

Students are involved in a variety of other programs. Several are shared across the school sites including Music, and a number of short courses. Each campus has developed a range of activities to meet the needs of students.

These include LAP, Early Intervention, Special Education, School Entry Assessment, Cross Age Tutoring. The Aquaculture Skills Centre at Parndana has a focus on aquaculture and links to other skills oriented areas such as agriculture, horticulture, hydroponics and tourism.

3. Key School Policies

- **Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies:**

Our Values

- Care
- Doing your best
- Honesty
- Respect
- Responsibility

Our Vision

- Developing and sustaining a community where everyone learns and grows

What are the characteristics we aim for, within our school community?

Students:

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- Self confident and articulate
- Engaged in learning and focussed on achievement
- Respectful, caring, considerate and interdependent
- Safe, secure and happy
- Well prepared and organised
- Aware and informed local and global citizens
- Able to negotiate their learning

Staff:

- Centred on students and achievement
- Skilled and knowledgeable in their pedagogy or craft
- Able to take risks and manage change
- Committed to engage with families and community organisations to support KICE students
- Articulate, explicit, safe and secure
- Confident to negotiate

Leaders:

- Able to build capacity
- Empathetic
- Passionate
- Inspiring
- Relevant
- Honest
- Have a sense of humour
- Reflective
- Approachable
- Patient
- Good communicator

- **Recent key outcomes:**

The Educator: Australian Regional School of the Year 2018, 2019, 2020. Again a finalist in 2021.

4. Curriculum

Subject offerings:

- Year P-9 – students work in all 8 areas of the curriculum with some specialist teacher support
- Years 10-12
 - Agricultural Studies – Agriculture, Aquaculture
 - Art
 - Community Studies
 - English
 - ICT – a range of ICT strategies are in place to increase computer awareness and to support the integration of ICT through all learning areas.
 - Health
 - Home Economics – Food and Hospitality
 - Mathematics
 - Maths Studies, Maths Methods, Essential Mathematics
 - Outdoor Education
 - Physical Education
 - Science – Physics, Chemistry, Biology
 - Ancient Studies
 - EIF / AIF
 - Technologies
- **Open Access/Distance Education provision:**
A range of subjects is taught by Open Access. Priority is given to ensure face-to-face teaching wherever possible.
- **Special needs:**
All students with special needs are supported through classroom support, special education support, and/ or SSO support.
- **Teaching methodology:**
Collaborative teaching and learning and integrated curriculum are a focus
- Student assessment procedures and reporting
Reporting to parents involves interviews, year level meetings, parent information nights and written reports. Many opportunities exist through the year to encourage parent involvement. Reporting is via Daymap.

- **Joint programmes:**
Campuses cooperate with each other in a range of programs eg Sport, SAPSASA, Music, VET, Training and Development (refer to collaborative outcomes). Continuity of learning across the early years is a focus.

5. Sporting Activities

Sport is a significant component in the life of the island community. Students have the opportunity to be involved in school sport and inter-school competitions, both locally and on the mainland. There is much community support for school sport, eg coaches/managers.

The KI Sports Group manages and coordinates all sporting programs involving the three sites across the island – eg Sapsasa, SASSA, and Combined Sports – Athletics Day, Swimming Carnival, Aquatics, and Cross-country running. These competitions/events are based on a three house system, which comprise students from each school. In addition, students travel to the mainland in selected representative teams, to compete in athletics, crosscountry and sailing. Swimming/aquatics are offered to all primary students at each campus in accordance with DFE allocation for school swimming instruction. Our surfing team has recently been very successful.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

• General

Students have gained valuable experience through mainland competitions. The three campuses share the organisation and management of Expressive Arts visits, Work Experience, Careers Week and related programs Page 8 The Sporting School program is offered at Kingscote, Parndana and Penneshaw campuses.

• Special

Special focus across the island includes

- Environmental Sustainability including a range of community programs
- Kingscote's Global Market, Penneshaw's Gala Day, Parndana's Fete Day
- Premiers Be Active Challenge and Premiers Reading Challenge

Students from all sites regularly enter State or National competitions, eg Oliphant Science, Maths, IT, Literacy and Science. Students enjoy a high level of success.

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- **Staff profile**

The majority of staff members are permanent residents on the island. Schools attract country incentives in line with the current award.

One music teacher serves all three sites with emphasis on instrumental music and band, with an SSO who specialises in music.

Ancillary staff is deployed in each site and their roles adapt to meet school and student needs. Ancillary staff members have multi-faceted roles from administration and finance to supporting students in curriculum and special needs programs.

- **Leadership structure**

Kangaroo Island Community Education – Principal, 3 Heads of Campus, 4 B3 Leaders, 4 B1 Wellbeing Leaders, Business Manager - Administration and Finance.

- **Staff support systems**

All members of staff participate in Professional Development and Performance Management with line managers responsible for regular meetings and liaison. Staff members liaise well with strong collegiate support within an atmosphere of team work and sharing.

Staff members work across KICE in groups that focus on areas which include: -

- Growth and Achievement Teams
- Training and Development
- KI Sports Committee
- Primary Years, Middle Years and Senior Years
- Expressive Arts
- Sapsasa and SASSA
- VET
- Marine, Environment and Natural Resources Education
- Special Education
- KICE Executive
- KICE Leaders
- LEARNING Band Leadership Teams

Staff members are employed according to appropriate load recommendations. Weekly staff meetings are held at each site.

- **Access to TRT/Contract Staff**

Access to TRTs and contract staff to fill short-term positions is limited. It is increasingly difficult to fill short term vacancies.

- **Access to special staff**
Student Support staff visit approximately twice per term from the mainland, plus by Teams. These include Special Ed support, Psychologists, Speech Pathologists and Behaviour Support personnel are in this group. Access to the local FAYS Social Worker and visiting CAMHS social worker is by appointment. A range of support is provided by KI Community Health Services across all island sites.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- **Housing assistance**
Locality Allowance is available for all staff based on fraction of time with additional amounts for spouse and children. Government Employee Housing is available in each campus location at subsidised rental rates.
- **Medical and dental treatment expenses**
Non-metro award supports any medical and dental services not available on Kangaroo Island – see non-metro award. Patient Assistance Transport Scheme is also available for all island residents.
- **Locality allowances**
Available for all teachers who teach more than 0.4 FTE, with additional amounts for spouse and children.
- **Relocation assistance**
Relocation of permanent headquarters due to placement or promotion, death or retirement of an employee, viz:
 - Reimbursement of travel, overnight accommodation and appropriate meals payment and removal costs.
 - Provision of insurance cover for furniture and effects while in transit
 - Allowance for packing and accelerated depreciation of furniture

These are also available for contract teachers at both the beginning and end of contract.

9. School Facilities

Kingscote Campus

- **Buildings and grounds**

The campus prior to 2008 was predominantly DEMAC semi-open space units, plus three older style timber clad temporary and six metal transportable buildings. A former teacher house has been replaced with a Performing Arts Centre and opened in 2011.

The Primary unit was extensively remodelled in late 2007 and the new Administration/Canteen building (stage 1) was also completed in late 2007. The 2008 redevelopment (stages 2 and 3) has provided new Science, Maths, Special Ed, Computer, Art, English and senior student buildings replacing old DEMACS and most of the metal transportables.

A large well-equipped School/Community Recreation Centre or Gymnasium is used extensively by the students and the general public. A Hospitality Centre and Commercial Kitchen and an Automotive workshop was built in 2014 under the Trade Training Scheme.

The campus is set within pleasant grounds with good playground facilities. A STEMWorks Centre has replaced the previous library but now incorporates it.

- **Heating and cooling**

Teaching areas have reverse-cycle air conditioning units

- **Specialist facilities and equipment**

STEM Building, Recreation Centre, Food and Hospitality Centre and Commercial Kitchen Technical Studies and Automotive Workshop Performing Arts Centre Learning Centre

- **Student Facilities**

Access to play equipment is provided and there are some shade areas and trees available

Facilities for learning are very good, with recent refurbishment and the redevelopment.

A canteen is available every day

- **Staff facilities**

The Admin building provides good facilities for staff and easy access to the Canteen, administration services and duplicating. Staff work areas vary but are relatively comfortable if limited. Some staff members choose

to use their classrooms as their base. Adequate car parking is available on-site or adjacent to the school. All staff members are issued with a laptop to facilitate increased ICT use in both teaching and adminAccess for students and staff with disabilities

- **Access to bus transport**

Buildings are accessible to students or staff with disabilities. Ramps have been installed to provide wheelchair access to buildings which were previously inaccessible. A large specialist toileting facility, including a pneumatic change table, sling and shower has been located on-site. Several classrooms have been acoustically modified for students with hearing impairments

Parndana Campus

- **Buildings and grounds**

The campus consists of the original timber buildings which have been reclad in recent years. The buildings have high ceilings, large windows and are carpeted.

The campus has a well maintained oval and a local agreement to utilise adjoining tennis courts and the town oval.

The well maintained grounds are quite spacious with trees, natural shrubs, lawns and extensive shaded areas including outside shaded eating areas for students.

The long central “spine / walkway” connects most buildings and has three undercover areas adjacent to the student toilets and drinking troughs.

A new Recreation Centre was opened in 2012.

The KICE Preschool is based at Parndana Campus.

A Café area and Commercial kitchen and a new Civil Construction and Storage Shed was built in 2014 under the Trade Training in Schools Scheme. The Preschool area was refurbished in 2017. STEMWorks redevelopment of the Science area is currently underway

- **Heating and cooling**
Teaching areas are air-conditioned.
- **Specialist facilities and equipment**
KI Aquaculture Skills Centre completed in 2004 with Commonwealth funding is a teaching and learning facility with Barramundi being grown for sale. Many areas of learning are integrated into teaching and learning programs utilising the Centre.
Agricultural Science Building and block are featured in the 10 hectare site with provision for farm animals (sheep and poultry), horticultural studies, small scale crops and bee keeping.
Recreation Centre.
Technical Studies and Home Economics centres are generously proportioned and well resourced. Preschool Centre utilised two/three days a week as a preschool and as a playgroup centre on another day.
Swimming Pool with change rooms including showers and sports equipment storage.
- **Student Facilities**
Lease agreement with the Sports Club and Progress Association re use of courts, larger oval and pavilion.
Large playground area including discrete areas for the Preschool and Junior Primary students whilst still allowing plenty of space for other students.
Playground equipment had been updated.
Additional veranda area has been added to the Secondary Block along with outdoor tables and benches.
- **Staff facilities**
A large air conditioned staffroom is part of the Administration Building. Small and larger office space within this building extends to photocopying and other offices.
- **Access for students and staff with disabilities**
Wheelchair access. Some ramps, but limited.
- **Access to bus transport**
No bus service other than SeaLink, tourist or hire. KICE operates 3 vans (1 based at each campus) which seat 11 and are shared by the Campuses. Bookings can be made on-line to access the vans. 4 DfE buses service the school community

Penneshaw Campus

- **Buildings and grounds**

The campus consists of wooden buildings which have been progressively upgraded in the last few years.

The Library and Middle School area had a major upgrade in 2006. The campus has a well maintained oval, a single basketball asphalt court area and large play area with equipment.

A Public Library Annex is located within the School Library which is well patronised by members of the community and staff.

All students have access to the Internet and e-mail services through the school's network. A new Recreation Centre was opened in 2011.

A well-resourced Kindergarten is situated adjacent to the school and currently operates for one and a half days per week with childcare being provided for two and a half days per week. STEMWorks redevelopment of the Science area was recently undertaken.

- **Heating and cooling**

All teaching areas of the campus have reverse cycle air-conditioning

- **Specialist facilities and equipment**

A well-resourced library

A recently upgraded computer room

A Technical Studies room

A Home Economics room

A Science laboratory

A ramp provides wheelchair/pram access to Admin/Front Office/Public Library areas.

A Recreation Centre

- **Student Facilities**

Student Leadership Group students organise a small canteen at recess and lunchtime. The campus has a large playground area which has been upgraded with new equipment in Term 1, 2004. The Junior area of the campus was also upgraded in 2004. Students are able to bring appropriate food to be heated in a pie warmer in the staff kitchen. Access to school for remote areas is via school buses.

- **Staff facilities**

Staffroom and lockers are air-conditioned and part of the Administration block. There is access to staff computers and internet in this area. Front Office and copying/printing room are part of the Admin block.

10. School Operations

- **Decision making structures**

- Students**

- Each campus has a Student Leadership Group (SLG) Students are represented on many campus and KICE groups and committees

- Staff**

- KICE staff meetings are held weekly, but alternate campus and KICE focus

- The KICE Executive leadership group meets one or more times fortnightly and KICE leaders group meets twice per term

- Executive leadership consults widely with the school community, and work in partnership with Governing Council, in matters of school policy and direction

- KICE Learning Band Leadership Teams meet fortnightly

- Parents**

- The KICE Governing Council meets twice per term in weeks 4 and 8

- **Regular publications**

- KICE newsletters are published twice per term, and have a 'whole school' focus as well as campus news and information. Other publications relating to parent information and curriculum needs are regularly published. Regular articles from KICE are a feature of the local newspaper.

- The KICE website is maintained by ICT Coordinator and Publicity Officer and provides a range of static information as well as ongoing news including the newsletter and upcoming events. KICE has a Facebook page

- **Other communication**

- Year level information nights, Learning Conversation nights to review student progress and information sessions on special interest topics. Many teachers produce informative class newsletters. Emails, Mobile Phone SMS

- **School financial position**

- There is a single KICE budget.

- School fees are relative to the prescribed DfE fee. Approximately 22% of students attract support through School Card.

- Rurality funding is available to support whole school activities and programs such as band and choral competitions, and Expressive Arts visits are supported.

- The Finance Committee meets twice per term and reports directly to the Governing Council.

- **Special funding**

- Kangaroo Island SeaLink provides a generous annual subsidy for students to access mainland activities.

11. Local Community

- **General characteristics**

The township of Kingscote is a coastal town of approximately 1800 residents located on the shore of Nepean Bay. It is the major service and commercial centre for the island, and provides a comprehensive range of retail stores and services. The Island airport is located nearby.

Many students attend Kingscote Campus from surrounding rural areas and townships.

Penneshaw is approximately 60 km east of Kingscote. It has a population of approximately 400 people. The Penneshaw community is made up of a diverse range of people with farming, tourism and service industries being the predominate source of income. The township services and business include a general store, hotel, health centre, Post Office, CFS, sporting club, bank agencies, service station and churches. The Public Library is located in the school. The SeaLink Ferry service operates from Penneshaw to Cape Jervis on the mainland at least 2 times daily.

Parndana is approximately 40 km south west of Kingscote. It has a population of approximately 140 people. The Parndana community is predominantly rural having been established in early 1950's through the War Service Land Settlement Scheme. Some seasonal employment such as shearing, fishing and the tourist industry are other sources of employment. Local services include shopping, post office, bank agencies, farming merchandise agencies, Laundromat, hotel, CFS, churches, sporting clubs and health centre.

For more information on Kangaroo Island and its communities go to:

www.tourkangarooisland.com.au

www.kangarooisland.org.au.

- **Parent and community involvement**

In general, the campuses have had an excellent record of support from parents and helpers within the local community. Throughout the year, many volunteers work in various capacities, supporting students in the Learning Assistant Program (LAP), working in the canteen or the library, volunteering to assist in classrooms or working on the many committees such as canteen, dress code, Recreation Centre management amongst others.

- **Other local care and educational facilities**

Children's Services (pre-school and child care) are located at Kingscote and Penneshaw with a Preschool centre located at Parndana Campus. The island is serviced by on island medical practitioners, and specialists from the mainland also visit the island on a regular basis. The Kangaroo Island General Hospital located at Kingscote, has recently been upgraded and provides a high standard of accommodation and care and is well equipped to handle emergencies. An air ambulance service is readily available to transfer serious cases to larger metropolitan hospitals. The SA Dental Service provides a service for eligible residents as well as students. A private dental practice also exists in Kingscote.

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

The cost of living is marginally higher than in the metropolitan area due largely to freight costs, but the island is well served by shops and services to meet the general needs of residents. Daily freight services ensure that essential supplies or items urgently needed, can be brought from the mainland promptly.

- **Other local facilities**

Much of the island is National Park and Conservation Park. The island offers many facilities for outdoor activities including sightseeing, camping and bushwalking, sailing, fishing, swimming and surfing. There is keen competition in well-organised sporting programs. Activities include football, tennis, basketball, netball, sailing, horse-riding, racing, table tennis, softball, golf, darts, bowls and calisthenics for younger children. Churches of different denominations are available for worshippers.

One airline provides air services between Kingscote Airport (14 kms from Kingscote) and the mainland. A car and passenger ferry operates daily between Penneshaw and Cape Jervis. There is no public transport on Kangaroo Island. A SeaLink shuttle service provides transport to Penneshaw to link with the car/passenger ferry. A shuttle service to and from the airport is available. Other buses on the island are run by tourism operators.

- **Local Government body**

The Kangaroo Island Council administers local government to the whole of the island. The main office and depot is in Kingscote. The Kingscote Public Library also has an annexe at Penneshaw. Community information can be gained from the Community Information Section (part of the Library), the Kangaroo Island Development Board and Tourism KI

12. Further Comments

Kangaroo Island Community Education is a multicampus school which has been created to provide excellent educational opportunities for children and students on Kangaroo Island. The Heads of Campus have educational leadership as their major focus and work as a collaborative management and leadership team across P-12. The collaboration includes developing close ties with the Children's Services, Preschool and Child Care. The Directors of Children's Services work with the Early Years leaders of KICE.

Teachers appointed to KICE may be requested to teach at other campuses during the year in a specialist curriculum area.

Living on Kangaroo Island is a very pleasant experience. The mild climate, range of arts and activities to enjoy, diverse sporting life, the breathtaking scenery, interesting wildlife and country lifestyle is a great attraction. There are an increasing number of people moving to the island for a lifestyle change.

Students from the island schools have been very successful in going onto tertiary studies or the world of work. The campuses have a positive relationship with their community and have developed strong links with community groups and other educational sectors.

KICE Vision Statement: Developing and Sustaining a COMMUNITY where everyone learns and grows