Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindergarten was first opened in 1961. The Kindy was named after the late Michelle De Garis who was an assistant teacher at the previous Naracoorte Preschool site. The Kindergarten currently has 7 friendly staff members who are there to meet all of your child’s needs.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is a strong advocate in healthy eating. “Healthy Snack Time” is held each morning. Children are asked to bring along fruit or a healthy snack alternative to eat on the mat.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is a sun safe Centre. All staff are trained in First Aid, Asthma and Anaphylaxis, KidsMatter, Responding to Abuse and Neglect and SMART (Strategies for Managing Abuse Related Trauma). Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy is an “Asthma Friendly” site.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy works closely with other community professionals including Community Health, Naracoorte Physiotherapy, local schools, child care centres and other pre-schools.

The Kindy is a fully operational “Solar School” in which electricity is generated from the solar panels to run the Kindy’s power.

Please feel free to phone or come into the Centre if you have any questions or wish to enrol your child.

Michelle De Garis Memorial Kindy follows the Early Years Learning Framework—Belonging, Being, Becoming. The Framework has five Learning Outcomes. Children have a strong sense of identity; Children are connected with and contribute to their world; Children have a strong sense of wellbeing; Children are confident and involved learners and Children are effective communicators. As part of the pre-school your child will be involved in many learning opportunities. They will build up a Personalised Learning Pathway which is available for you to view at anytime. This is built up during your child’s time at Kindy. It will include a Child Profile, Developmental Checklist, Speech and Language Link, Personalised Learning Plans, Structured Learning Activities, All About Me, Literacy Quilt, Numeracy Quilt, Concepts of Print, Writing Concepts, any referrals and/or individualised programs.

A Developmental Summary will be written at the end of your child’s pre-school time. A disc of photos throughout their Kindy time will also be included.
Sessional preschool
Children are entitled to 5 sessions at 15 hours per week 1 year prior to commencing school. We run transition programs with all local schools.

Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
- 9am-12pm (Morning Session)
- 1pm-3:30pm (Afternoon Session)
- 9am-3:30pm (Full day)

Cost: $75.00 per term ($15.00 each session)

Pre entry
This is currently available to children for one session a week the term prior to commencing pre-school.

Cost: $15.00 per term

Lunch Program (BYO)
A lunch program is available four days a week for children attending pre-school. Children are supervised and food is monitored by staff. This is free of charge.

Bus service
A bus service operates Tuesday and Friday for eligible pre-school children. Children are accompanied by a qualified teacher as they travel across town to and from the Kindy. This is a free service for pre-school children.

Occasional care
Occasional care is available to children aged 2-5 years. "Now and then" child care that is integrated with the pre-school program, it is a great introduction to Kindy.

Times: Tuesday & Fridays 9am — 12pm
- Thursdays 9am—12pm & 1pm—3.30pm

Cost: $5.00 per child full fee
- $1.50 per child concession
- 1/2 price siblings

Come and Play
Come n Play is a Playgroup based program integrated with the pre-school sessions. This is a great opportunity for parents and their children aged 0-5 years to participate in Kindy activities. It is also great for introducing your child to the staff and surroundings of the Kindy.

Times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- 10am-11.30am & 1:30pm-3pm

Cost: $2.00 per family

Website:
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