



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Feb 2024

**Centre number:** 3606

**Centre name:** Ascot Park Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director  
Sally Sorrell
- Postal address  
630 Marion Road, Parkholme SA 5043
- Location address  
630 Marion Road, Parkholme SA 5043
- DfE Partnership  
Marion Inland
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)  
Approximately 7 kms from Adelaide GPO  
Bus stop 18 on Marion Road
- Telephone number  
8276 6810
- Preschool website address:  
<https://www.preschols.sa.gov/ascot-park-kindergarte>
- Preschool e-mail address  
[dl.3606.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.3606.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance  
Enrolments vary between 25 and 40 children depending on site funding and site capacity. This site generally has 3 year old children attending as per DfE

enrolment policy. The site is situated near emergency housing and caters for families who may currently be transient and who may attend for short periods of time or intermittently.

- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand -alone site situated close to several local schools
- Programs operating at the preschool  
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  - Full Day Program  
Full day program offered
  - Bilingual Support  
This site has a high number of families attending from a wide range of cultural backgrounds. Bilingual Support is offered for children meeting the criteria.
  - Preschool Support  
The centre has a history of high numbers of special needs enrolments. Preschool support workers are employed using site and IESP funding to support identified children needing support. Staff work closely with the DfE support services team, meeting regularly to plan for children's needs and support families

## 2. Key Centre Policies

Please see site Preschool Quality Improvement Plan and site website

## 3. Curriculum

- Early Years Learning Framework, Literacy and Numeracy Guides
- Core Values include Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Cooperation, Optimism, Persistence, Excellence and Integrity
- Staff meet as a team each fortnight to plan for individual children's interests and needs using observations and reports. An overall site program is developed and includes specific planning around literacy, numeracy, STEAM, child protection, cultural events, sustainability, and social and emotional regulation.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects  
Ascot Park kindergarten has worked with Ascot Park primary school on various projects including transition and regulation training  
Children visit the school each fortnight for gymnastics sessions under the guidance of the specialist gymnastics teacher.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile 2024  
Director 0.8  
Two 0.5 teachers and one 0.1 teacher (fortnight)  
0.8 ECW  
Current Pre school Support is 10 hours each week and varying levels of bilingual support
- Performance Management Program  
All staff participate in performance planning in term 1 and 3

- Access to special support staff

DfE Support Services Team Members, including a Speech Pathologist, Psychologist and Special Educator are available after consultation and upon request. Families access these services after discussions with Centre staff. Support workers are allocated each term according to the number and level of needs of the children that attend and district budgetary restraints.

We work closely with several other services that support our children on a regular basis including Autism SA, I Can Jump Puddles, Aboriginal Support workers, CAYS, GP Plus Marion and flinders Uni OT students.

- Other

Bilingual support workers are an important part of our staff team as we have families from diverse cultural backgrounds. Staff are allocated each term according to numbers of children, level of needs, availability of workers speaking a particular language and budgetary restraints.

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

The kindy is a 45 -year old building located on a corner of Marion Road and Nunyah Avenue. The building has an office recently renovated and updated, multiple store rooms, central kitchen, L-shaped play area with another separate room which offers additional internal play space, 2 children's toilets, and an adult toilet including disability facilities. A separate staff room is situated at the back of the site. The outdoor play space is situated at the back of the building and was completely re landscaped and updated 5 years ago. A new garden space was developed in 2024 for children to engage in planting and harvesting activities and as an addition to our sustainability engagement.

- Capacity (per session)  
Currently enrolment cap of 40 children. Sessions are structured so as a maximum of 30 children can attend each session.
- Centre Ownership  
Owned by marion Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities  
Ramp access to building
- Other  
N/A

## **6. Further Comments**

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

The kindergarten is a member of the Marion Inland Partnership, comprised of local kindergartens, Primary and Secondary Schools who meet twice each term for Partnership meetings and sector meetings