



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 24/7/2023

**Centre number:** 5665

**Centre name:** Baden Pattinson Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director  
Sarah Williams
- Postal address  
Corner Alison St & Kibby Avenue, Glenelg North 5045
- Location address  
As above
- DECD Partnership  
Holdfast Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)  
12 kilometres
- Telephone number  
82951371
- Fax number  
83767016
- Preschool website address:  
[www.badenpatkgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.badenpatkgn.sa.edu.au)

- Preschool e-mail address  
dl.5665.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance  
66 children enrolled at present.
- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand-alone preschool
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children: eligible children are able to access up to 15 hours per week for 4 terms before starting school.
  - Lunch/Full Day Program: four days per week
  - Bilingual Support: funding provided by DfE is used to employ bilingual assistants (ECWs) to support children who attend kindergarten and are learning to speak English
  - Preschool Support: is requested and any funding provided by DfE is used to employ preschool support staff who support children both one on one and in small groups.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose  
“Our VISION is to provide an inclusive high quality, educational service in a safe and supportive environment which aims to meet the needs of every individual child and their family. We strive to empower children to continue their lifelong learning journey with confidence and enthusiasm.”

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used  
The children’s learning program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework “Belonging, Being and Becoming”.
- Specific curriculum approaches  
We provide an emergent and differentiated curriculum that is relevant to the context of all children and families. We create a curriculum based on the Early Years Learning Framework, Preschool Literacy and Numeracy Indicators and Child Protection Curriculum that is supportive of each child’s individual interests, learning and developmental needs.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  - 1 Full time Director – Band A-1
  - 0.8 teacher
  - 0.6 teacher
  - Early Childhood Worker 1 0.4
  - Early Childhood Worker 1 0.6
  - Early Childhood Worker 2 0.5
  - Administration Officer (ECW 2): 0.3
- Performance Management Program

Formal meetings are held twice per year with other opportunities for feedback and discussions provided throughout the year.
- Access to special support staff

Educators work with a range of support staff including community health, government and non-government organisations. Support for students with additional needs is applied for as needed.

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

One free standing building-one large main room with a kitchen, carpeted area, a library room, office, another children's activity room and bathroom/toilet area. The building has outdoor play spaces protected by a verandah and awnings. The centre has an outdoor area shaded by a number of large trees, shade cloth over the swings and a permanent cover over the sandpit.
- Capacity (per session) 34
- Centre Ownership

DfE
- Access for children and staff with disabilities

The centre has flat surfaces and is accessible for children and staff with disabilities.

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

- General characteristics  
Families using the centre live in the local area. We cater for families from a wide socio-economic background as well as a mix of working and nonworking parents.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool  
Parent and community involvement is encouraged and valued. Governing council meets regularly each term
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool  
Children go to a large number of independent and public schools in the area, including: St. Leonards, Immanuel, St. Mary's Memorial School, Our Lady of Grace, Glenelg Primary School and Plympton Primary Schools.
- Other local care and educational facilities,  
We work closely with the Glenelg Community Child Care Centre, which a large number of our children attend.
- Other local facilities  
We share a carpark with the Vietnam Veterans, Glenelg North Community Centre and Community Garden.
- Accessibility  
Close access to public transport (train and bus services).
- Local Government  
City of Holdfast Bay

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups  
The kindergarten is part of the Holdfast Partnership. We are striving to achieve a close working relationship with all schools within our partnership to support children's transition to school.