



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 01/2022

**Centre number:** 3666

**Centre name:** Oaklands Estate Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director  
Alison McKenna
- Postal address  
16 Pathick Terrace, MARION 5043
- Location address  
16 Pathick Terrace, MARION 5043
- DfE Partnership  
Holdfast Partnership
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)  
South western suburb. Approx 10 km from GPO
- Telephone number  
82767843
- Fax number  
82769412
- Preschool website address:  
[www.oaklandsestatekqn.sa.edu.au](http://www.oaklandsestatekqn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address  
[dl.3666.leaders@schools.edu.au](mailto:dl.3666.leaders@schools.edu.au)
- NQS Assessment completed in 2016 – Rating – Exceeding.

- Enrolment/Attendance  
53 enrolled (Jan 2022) however we hope to grow over Term 1.
- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand-alone site.
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Associated Programs – stay and play pre entry, early entry. Both offered when spaces allow.
  - Lunch/Full Day Program – Mon to Fri 8.30 – 3.15pm
  - Occasional Care – No. Extended Care – No.
  - Bilingual Support – we have a diverse cultural mix and have regular bilingual support during the year.
  - Preschool Support  
We welcome children with additional needs and rights and have preschool support for them on site in each group as needed.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- We are a public preschool and welcome children, and families, wherever they are on the learning journey.  
All policies are listed on the website.

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework.
- Core Values – Every child is welcome and valued. We offer the program in an inviting and engaging way that allows all children to access the curriculum wherever they are on their learning journey. We are a Nature play focused site using the magnificent outside learning environment to the full. We have high expectations for each child to develop life-long learning dispositions.  
Philosophy Statement on the website.

- Specific curriculum approaches  
Family involvement focus.
- Joint program/special curriculum projects  
Numeracy Partnership wide T&D focus. Site Inquiry project - measurement.  
Literacy – using PASM to track and extend children’s phonological awareness.

## **4. Centre Based Staff**

- Staff Profile  
1 Director F/T, 1 Teacher F/T, 0.5 ECW F/T and Universal Access - currently offered as 0.4 Teacher and 0.1 ECW. A number of sites in the local area lost a 0.5 ECW position due to Covid, poor attendance and lower birth rate. It is expected to climb again this year.
- Performance Management Program  
Professional development reviews with in-line manager.
- Access to special support staff  
Accessed through DfE process. Some work with NDIS external programs. We work closely with any support staff to ensure the best outcomes for each child.

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds  
Remodelled as a part of a Preschool Outside Learning Area (POLA) grant in 2017. Nature play focus. We leave the building from Marion Council and our lease will be up for renewal in 2026/27. We have completed some further upgrades in 2020& 21 to ensure safety and access. The building and grounds are well maintained and are inspected by the council each year. In 2022 we plan shade and updating of the bespoke nature play items that have reached the end of their life (ie logs, climbing frame, sand etc)
- Capacity (per session)  
Mon Tues group 22 children. Wed Thurs group 33 children
- Centre Ownership  
Marion Council – leased
- Access for children and staff with disabilities  
2020 upgrade ensured pathways, ramps and access to most play spaces.  
We erected a bridge to the sandpit to allow wheelchair access.  
Disabled child toilet and Disabled adult toilet.
- Other  
2 off street parking spaces.

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

- General characteristics:
- Strong parent and community involvement in the preschool
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool  
DfE - Warradale, Glenelg, Marion, Paringa, Ascot Park Primary Schools  
Christ the King and Our Lady of Grace parish schools are the largest private feeder schools.
- Other local care and educational facilities,  
Warradale Child Care and Ascot Park Child Care Centres as well as Dover Kindergarten Occasional Care.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities  
Park Holme Shopping centre is to the north east north of the kindy.  
It tends to be housing with little commercial/industrial facilities nearby.
- Other local facilities  
Oaklands Wetlands 5 min walk away.
- Availability of staff housing  
N/A
- Accessibility  
Major bus route from the city. Marion Railway station 5 mins walk away.
- Local Government  
Marion Council is very supportive of the preschool and our families.  
We are a member of the Mitchell Park Collective and network with other agencies to support young families in the local area.

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups  
We work closely with our partnership sites to ensure all children access preschool. We employ and share an administration manager who supports this process amongst other roles.