



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 05/22

Centre number: 3657

Centre name: Pimpala Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Vivienne Hills
- Postal address: 24 Vanstone Avenue, Morphett Vale, SA 5162
- Location address: 24 Vanstone Avenue, Morphett Vale, SA 5162
- DECD Partnership: Panalatinga
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 25km
- Telephone number: 08 8382 1597
- Fax number: 08 8326 8273
- Preschool website address:
<https://www.preschools.sa.gov.au/pimpala-kindergarten>
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.3657.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance:
Please refer to our Annual Report on our website

- Co-located/stand-alone:
We are a stand-alone preschool, co-located with Pimpala Primary school
- Programs operating at the preschool:
 - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - Preschool Support for eligible children
 - Bilingual Support for eligible children

2. Key Centre Policies

- Pimpala Kindergarten adheres to the department policies, procedures, guidelines and the requirements of Regulation 168 of the Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations.
- Our key improvement priorities can be found in our Quality Improvement Plan on our website.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Early Years Learning Framework.
- Core Values:
Please refer to our Philosophy statement which can be found on our website.
- Specific curriculum approaches:
We offer a play-based program based on individual and group needs. We value nature play and loose parts play.

4. Centre Based Staff

- **Staff Profile:**
In 2022 Pimpala Kindergarten is a part-time site (due to a drop in enrolments) staffed by a 0.6 FTE Director, 0.6 FTE Teacher, 0.6 FTE ECW (inclusive of universal access).
- **Performance Management Program:**
All staff members undertake a biannual performance development plan (PDP) review to support them to align their personal goals to that of the department's strategic directions with the aim of continuously improving the learning outcomes of our children.
- **Access to special support staff:**
The department have a range of Student Support Services (SSS) staff that provides proactive, targeted and intensive intervention services to support the additional needs of learners.
Services include: Aboriginal Education, Behaviour support, Psychology, Social work, Special educator, and Speech pathology.

5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds:**
The kindergarten was opened in 2016. The kindergarten was formerly known as 'Morphett Vale Preschool Kindergarten', and was located down the road in Venning Street prior its re-location at the school site. The facilities and grounds are modern and spacious. The fenceline of our outdoor area has been extended in preparation for the redevelopment of the outdoor learning area. The tender documents have been finalised and are awaiting submission.
Our centre has a sustainability focus and features: Solar panels, rainwater tanks which flush the toilets, worm farming, gardening and composting systems.
- **Capacity (per session):**
We have a physical capacity for 44 children
Current enrolment cap of 30.
- **Centre Ownership:**
Our centre is owned by the Department for Education
- **Access for children and staff with disabilities:**
We have a wheelchair access parking space in our staff carpark. We have an access toilet as well as a wide cubicle stall in the children's bathroom area. One sink in the children's bathroom is fitted with a low-tone swivel handle. Our outdoor area is primarily wheelchair accessible.