

2023 PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 8/03/2023

Centre number: 4680

Centre name: Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten



Government of South Australia

Department for Education

1: General information

- Preschool Director: Pauline Bosco
- Postal address: 32 Park Lake Dv, Wynn Vale 5127
- DFE Partnership: Golden Way
- Geographical location: 19km from GPO
- Telephone number: 08 8289 0139
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- Preschool website address: www.wynnvalekgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.4680.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance:

- Term 1 and 2: Part-time site with capacity of 30 children per session.
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday AM (Staff NIT/PD Friday PM)
- Term 3 and 4: Full time site with increase enrolment cap of 55 children
Mondays, Tuesdays plus a half day (Wednesday or Thursday or Friday where available) and
Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday AM (Staff NIT/PD Friday PM)

Co-located/stand-alone:

- We are a stand-alone kindy, not affiliated or co-located with any DFE primary school. We are located next door to St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic Primary School where a large percentage of our children go to school.

Programs operating at the preschool

- Sessional Kindergarten: for children in their eligible year
- Children attend 2 ½ days a week. Lunch care is included in the funded 15 hours a week.
- Early Entry: can be accessed for children who are Aboriginal, children under the guardianship of the Minister, children who are bi-lingual and have difficulties understanding English and children with additional needs who have specialist recommendation for early entry.
- Preschool Support: This is available for children with additional needs that qualify for an allocation of time with a preschool support person.

2: Key Centre Policies

See current policy documents on our website: www.wynnvalekgn.sa.edu.au

3: Curriculum

- Frameworks used: 'Early Years Learning Framework', 'Child Protection Curriculum', 'Respect, Reflect, Relate'.
- Core Values: see our kindy philosophy within our Preschool Quality Improvement Plan (PQIP) on the website: www.wynnvalekgn.sa.edu.au
- We believe children learn best in play-based learning environments as outlined in DECD expectations and the National Quality Standards.

4: Centre Based Staff

Staff Profile:

- Director 0.6 FTE (increased as required)
- Teacher 0.6 FTE
- Early Childhood Worker 0.6 FTE
- Additional teaching staff Term 3 and 4

Performance Management Program:

Staff undertake annual and 6 monthly performance reviews with line managers.

Access to special support staff:

- To support children's learning DFE provides special support advice and support in the fields of Speech Therapy, Psychology, Social Work, and Behaviour Coach. In conjunction with these specialists additional staffing may be accessed and allocated to work with identified children identified requiring adjustments.

5: Centre Facilities

Buildings and grounds:

- The preschool building is brick and in 2001 underwent a purpose-built redevelopment and renovation. The building and grounds are owned by Tea Tree Gully Council. The preschool is next door to Wynn Vale Dam and the Wynn Vale Community Garden

Physical Capacity (per session):

- 30 children

Access for children and staff with disabilities:

- The centre provides disabled parking allocation, graded entrances throughout and a disabled toilet. The centre is all on one level.

6: Local Community

Parent and community involvement in the preschool:

- Parent contributions are highly valued. Parents can be involved in a voluntary capacity by joining the Governing Council, helping prepare materials for use by the children, helping on excursions, providing feedback via questionnaires, sharing their professional skills via demonstration with groups of children, sharing their culture via demonstration/activities with the children.

Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:

- Children transition to many schools in our area. 90%+ attend St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic School, others attend Kings Baptist, Pedare Christian School, Greenwith Primary, Surrey Downs Primary, Wynn Vale Primary, Golden Grove Primary

Other local care and educational facilities:

- A number of our children access St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic Schools OSCH. This is arranged between the parents and the school. SFX Curious Xaviers session times are accessed on Friday mornings and afternoons. This is a school transition program and is organised between parents and the school. Children who attend the Friday afternoon session are picked up from the preschool by school staff and walked over to the school.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:

- There is a small industrial area about 2 ½ km from the kindy (ie mechanics, furniture carpentry, kitchen manufacturers etc). There are a number of shopping complexes nearby - Surrey Downs Shopping Centre, Golden Grove Shopping Centre and Tea Tree Plaza.

Other local facilities:

- Waterworld is a popular local activity and many children have family members playing with or involved with the local sporting facilities.

Accessibility:

- There are direct buses from Tea Tree Plaza Interchange that pass the closest bus stop to the kindy.

7: Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups: The Kindergarten is part of the Golden Way Partnership consisting of Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten, Golden Grove High School, Primary School and Kindergarten, Wynn Vale Primary School, Keithcot Farm Primary and Children's Centre, Greenwith Primary and Kindergarten and Modbury Heights School (Preschool – 12).