



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 06/17

**Centre number:** 3606

**Centre name:** Ascot Park Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director  
Glenda Fletcher
- Postal address  
630 Marion Road, Parkholme SA 5043
- Location address  
630 Marion Road, Parkholme SA 5043
- DECD Partnership  
Southern Adelaide
- Geographical location  
Approximately 7kms from Adelaide GPO  
Bus stop 18 on Marion Road
- Telephone number  
8276 6810
- Fax number  
8277 8691
- Preschool website address:  
<http://www.ascotpkgn.sa.edu.au>

- Preschool e-mail address  
dl.3606.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance  
Enrolment varies between 25 and 40 children in their eligible year. There is a history of irregular attendance by some families. The centre is also situated near emergency housing and therefore has a number of transient families who only attend for short periods rather than their full eligible year.
- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand-alone centre situated close to several schools.
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children  
Children attend the centre for 30 hours on a five day fortnight basis.
  - ❖ Occasional Care  
Not Available
  - ❖ Associated Programs  
Pre Entry – One session per week in the term prior to eligible year of kindergarten when capacity allows.
  - ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program  
Full Day Program offered
  - ❖ Bilingual Support  
As the centre has families from diverse cultural backgrounds, Bilingual Support Workers are present for some sessions each week.
  - ❖ Preschool Support  
The centre has a history of high numbers of special needs enrolments. Preschool support workers attend several sessions each week working with children to develop skills such as speech and language, fine and gross motor, cognitive and social.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Please see our Site Learning Plan

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework of Australia (Belonging, Being and Becoming)  
Staff use this curriculum framework as a basis for planning, assessing and reporting.
- Core Values  
Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Cooperation, Optimism, Persistence, Excellence and Integrity.
- Specific curriculum approaches  
Each fortnight a teaching and learning plan is developed outlining key ideas, essential learning's and learning outcomes. Individual Learning Plans (ILP's) are developed for each child according to their developmental needs.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects  
A close working relationships has been developed with Ascot Park Primary School. Weekly gym sessions for the Kindergarten children are held at the school, under the guidance of their specialist gymnastics teacher.

A transition process has been developed to support children attending Reception at Ascot Park Primary School with joint visits each term.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile  
In 2017 - 4 part-time staff (1 Director, 2 Teachers and 1 Early Childhood Worker). Staffing will be reviewed each term depending on enrolment numbers.
- Performance Management Program  
As per DECD policy – performance management meetings are held regularly.
- Access to special support staff  
District Special Services Support Team Members, including a Speech Pathologist, Psychologist, Special Educator and Social Worker 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.

- 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

40-year old building. The building has an office, photocopy/store room, 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 smaller withdrawal room is also available and recently used for extra storage space. The outdoor play space is situated at the back of the building and is small and compact. Shaded areas feature in the play area. There is a small front yard situated on the main road.

- Capacity (per session)

30 per session – currently a waiver has been issued to take the centre capacity to 36.

- Centre Ownership

Owned by Marion Council

- Access for children and staff with disabilities

Ramp access to building, disabled toilet for children and adults.

- 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