2016 PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 4680
Centre name: Wynn Vale Community House Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Melissa Gobell
- Postal address: 32 Park Lake Dv, Wynn Vale 5127
- DECS Region: Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location: 19km from GPO
- Telephone number: 08 8289 0139
- Fax number: 08 8289 4513
- Preschool website address: www.wynnvalekgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address: dl.4680.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance: Maximum enrolments are 60, we have been at near capacity for the last 5 years, attendances average at 90% plus
- Co-located/stand-alone: We are a stand-alone kindy, not affiliated with any DECS primary school. We are located next door to St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic Primary School where usually 90% plus of our children go to school after kindy.
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - Sessional Kindergarten: for children in their eligible year by birthdate
Lunch/Full Day Program: is offered to families. Children attend 2 ½ days a week. Lunch care is additional to the funded 15 hours a week so children access 16 hours kindy a week.

Early Entry: can be accessed by Aboriginal children, GOM children, children who are bi-lingual AND have difficulties understanding English and children with additional needs who have specialist recommendation for early entry. Early entry is provided when enrolment spaces allow.

Preschool Support: This is available for children with special/additional needs that qualify for an allocation of time with a preschool support person.

2. Key Centre Policies
   • See current policy documents on Kindy website: www.wynnvalekgn.sa.edu.au

3. Curriculum
   • **Frameworks used**: ‘Early Years Learning Framework’, ‘Child Protection Curriculum’, ‘Respect, Reflect, Relate’, Programme Achieve: Early Childhood social/emotional programme
   • **Core Values**: see our kindy philosophy on the Kindy 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 1.0FTE
     Teacher 1.0FTE
     Early Childhood Worker 0.5 – 1.0FTE (depending on enrolments)
   • **Performance Management Program**:
     Staff undertake 6 monthly performance reviews with relevant line managers.
• **Access to special support staff:**
  To support children’s learning DECD provides special support staff in the fields of Speech Therapy, Psychology, Social Work, and Behaviour Coach. In conjunction with these specialists a kindy staff member is allocated support time to work with the children identified as requiring support.

5. **Centre Facilities**

• **Buildings and grounds:**
  a) 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
  b) The Kindy is next door to Wynn Vale Dam and the Wynn Vale Community Garden

• **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 (intended for country preschools)**

• **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, the Parking Lot, 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 too 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:** an increasing number of our children access St Francis Xavier Regional Catholic Schools OSHC. This is only offered to those children who are already 4yo. This is arranged between parents and the school; however there is co-operation between the OSHC and Kindy staff when walking children between the two services.

• **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, Keithcott Farm Primary and Children’s Centre, Greenwith Primary and Kindergarten and Modbury Heights School (Preschool – 12).