



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Feb 2015

Centre number: 4641

Centre name: Magill Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director Isobel Quick
- Postal address 26 Edward St, Magill SA 5072
- Location address as above
- DECS Region Eastern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 10 km
- Telephone number 83324803
- Fax number 83646876
- Preschool website address: www.magillkgn.sa.edu.au
- Preschool e-mail address dl.4641.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au

Enrolment/Attendance

Enrolment

Attendance

2013 42

2013 91.2%

2014 46-57

2014 89 - 95.7%

2015 48-65

2015 92.1 -95.8%

- Co-located/stand-alone stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
 - ❖ Induction Visits



- ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
- ❖ Full Day Program
- ❖ Bilingual Support
- ❖ Preschool Support

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Philosophy
Magill Kindergarten Quality Improvement Plan

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
Being, Belonging, Becoming (National Early Years Learning Framework)
- Core Values
Respect, creativity, sustainability, diversity, inclusion, partnerships and our multicultural community.
- Specific curriculum approaches
STEM (Science Technology Mathematics and Engineering) Developing a STEM approach to the preschool curriculum is an area of focus for the Morialta Partnership.
Learning through play; celebrating cultural diversity; focus on literacy and numeracy; building social skills and positive dispositions for learning.
We take an enquiry approach in exploring important subject matter by formulating questions of interest with the children, researching, experimenting, observing and problem solving.
Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum: Early years Band ages 3-5, is implemented at Magill Kindergarten
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
The centre hosts student teachers from the Magill Campus of UniSA.
Currently staff are working together to broaden their understandings of a STEM focus through exploration of an enquiry question-How can we foster and make visible powerful learning through STEM in the early years learning

environment? The Magill Staff have elected to do this via the outdoor learning environment, in particular the kitchen garden in 2016.

The centre is an AUSSI (Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative) site. We have an environmental action plan.

The centre collaborates with the local Lutheran Family Care to run parenting courses and a Starting School parent workshop.

The staff of Magill Kindergarten meet termly with the staff of Magill School to plan joint projects and facilitate children's transition to school.

The kindergarten is involved in consultations regarding the possible creation of a Magill Education Precinct.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
 - Preschool Director PSD 1 Full time
 - 2 permanent Preschool teachers-0.5 each and 0.9
 - Early Childhood Worker 1.0
 - Bilingual Support Workers-Japanese and Arabic languages currently
- Performance Management Program for all staff
- Access to special support staff where eligible

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
- Magill kindergarten was purpose built in 1972. There is a main indoor learning area, with 2 withdrawal areas. There is a small office and storeroom.
The verandah is enclosed with clear blinds, and the spacious outdoor learning area includes a vegetable patch, amphitheatre, sand pit, and lawn area. It is shaded by mature trees. The bathroom has recently been upgraded.
The kindergarten adjoins a university owned oval. A car park is shared with a neighbouring church.
At the rear of the building is a native bush garden and fenced turtle pond.
- Capacity (per session) 30 with approval for 33 in 2016.
- Centre Ownership DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
 - No ramps or Disabled toilets currently available.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics:
Families from many cultures attend the centre, including Chinese, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Arabic, Japanese, Greek, Italian, and Korean.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
- There is an active Governing Council, and parent and community involvement is encouraged. Parents participate in formal and informal ways.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
Approximately 65% of children transfer to Magill Primary School, with whom the kindergarten has close links.
- Other local care and educational facilities
Child Care is offered locally at the Magill Campus and Community Child Care Centre and several private child care centres.
- Other local facilities
Pepper St Art Gallery, Shopping Centre and UniSA Magill Campus
- Accessibility
The kindergarten is serviced by the B10, 10X, B11, and B12 bus services. We are in a “Go Zone”.
- Local Government Campbelltown

7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups
The centre is part of the Morialta Educational Partnership.