

# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2016

**Centre number:** 4601

**Centre name:** Agnes Goode Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Centre name: Agnes Goode Kindergarten
- Centre number: 4601
- Preschool Director: Katherine Wiseman
- Postal address: 7 Cornish st, Stepney, Adelaide
- Location address: 7 Cornish st, Stepney, Adelaide
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- DECD Region : Eastern region
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km):  
5 minutes by car to central metropolitan Adelaide, eastern suburbs,  
5km to GPO
- Enrolment/Attendance: 88 children – Site Capacity  
(including Occasional Care Program)}
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand-alone
- Programs operating
  - ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:  
Monday – Friday (Two Full days and Alternate Friday half days)
  - ❖ Occasional Care: Funded Occasional Care program 5 sessions per week  
(under 2's & over 2's) operating & integrated on Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday
  - ❖ Extended Care: Before kindy care from 8.30am, negotiated  
with the Director
  - ❖ Bilingual Support: Yes
  - ❖ Preschool Support: Yes, individualised & small group work, with  
supplementary support staff.

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:
  - High quality education and care for children 0-5 years  
(see Site Learning Plan, Annual Report, Annual Improvement Plan)
- Range of policies, including those covering Sun Protection Policy, Infectious Diseases, Medication, Nutrition, Site Behaviour Code, Enrolment Policy

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
  - Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

Range of assessment & reporting processes in place

- Specific curriculum approaches:
  - child- focused, play- based, inclusive, incorporating children's voice, developmentally appropriate, constructivist, exploratory, interactive, based on children's individual needs & interests.
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects:
  - current focus on numeracy, literacy, well being, ICT

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile:
  - Full time centre, currently all part-time staff, job-sharing Directors, Teachers & ECWs roles, in the kindergarten & Occasional Care program.
- Performance Management Program:
  - staff work with line managers to continuously improve the quality of their work, skills & knowledge base, ongoing staff training & development, individually & as a staff team.
- Access to special support staff:
  - DECD Early Childhood Support Services provide a range of support, including additional Preschool support staff. Staff access a range of

additional, specialised support services and professionals to improve learning outcomes for all children

- Other: N/A

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds:  
stand-alone building, adjacent to recently upgraded parks and community area – playgrounds, bbq, community garden, picnic area, sculptural garden
- Capacity: 44 per session
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: yes

## 6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

Broad demographic of families, children attending with English as a second language, speaking a range of languages including Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish. Nepalese.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool is high:  
Broad range of active involvement by community, individually & as part of the Governing Council, and strong links with local community established.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool:  
Local public schools, including East Adelaide, Norwood, Walkerville, local St Joseph's Catholic schools and a range of private schools nearby.
- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC:  
A number of children attend local private & community-based child care centres, utilise DECD Family Day Care, and private care arrangements eg nannies.
- Commercial / Industrial and Shopping facilities:  
A range of local shopping centres and facilities nearby, short walking distance to the Avenues shops, banks, cafes, supermarkets, etc
- Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational:  
Range of medical services, including GPs nearby, excellent community services & facilities provided through the local council
- Availability of housing:  
Local rental and private accommodation available
- Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality:  
Central to city of Adelaide, frequent bus & train services, airport.

- Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of involvement:

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## **7. Further Comments**

- Establishment of new services and/or programs:  
Strong links & regular liaison with local feeder schools & early years sites, supporting children's successful transition, development & ongoing learning