



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: March 2010

Centre number: 6675

Centre name: Wilmington Kindergarten

1. General information

- Preschool Director: Nicole Lock
- Postal address: PO Box 207, WILMINGTON SA 5485
- Location address: 30 Horrocks Highway. WILMINGTON 5485
- DECS Region: Yorke and Mid North
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km) 300km North
- Telephone number: 08 8675115
- Fax number: 08 86675304
- Preschool website address:<http://www.wilmingtonkgn.sa.edu.au>
- Preschool e-mail address: Nicole.Green603@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
4 – excellent attendance
- Co-located/stand-alone: Stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
Pre Entry: Offered in Term 4 to children who begin Kindergarten the following year

- ❖ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:

Tuesday and Thursday (Odd Weeks) 8:40 – 3:20

Tuesday (Even Weeks) 8:40 – 3:20

- ❖ Lunch/Full Day Program: Yes
- ❖ Bilingual Support: available through DECD
- ❖ Preschool Support: Yes

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose: Emergent Literacy, Early Years Learning Framework and ICT

3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values: Supportive relationships between staff, students, parents/caregivers and the community; Respect for differences; High expectations for all
- Specific curriculum approaches: Learning through play-based activities
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects: Transitions to school program with Wilmington Primary School.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile: 0.5 Director; Early Childhood Worker 0.42; Support Worker as needed
- Performance Management Program:
We aim to have to scheduled performance management meetings an optimum of twice a year. Informal contact is also encouraged.
- Access to special support staff
We have access to specialised staff through the Regional Office; children are

assessed with parental permission for access to these services.

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

Wilmington Kindergarten is a well maintained transportable building with a large backyard play area and large front garden. Heating and cooling is provided by two split systems and a split system in the office. A pergola is attached to the back verandah and 2 storage sheds house play equipment and gardening tools. A new sandpit and kitchen were installed in 2009 and ICT facilities were updated in 2010 with the installation of a 52" Interactive Touchscreen.

- Capacity (per session): 23
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- Access for children and staff with disabilities: Front and rear ramp access
- Other

6. Local Community (Intended for country preschools)

General characteristics:

The community consists of farming families, family owned and operated businesses and workers who commute to Pt Augusta. Wilmington is also home to some mining families who commute to Leigh Creek and Roxby Downs.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
Wilmington Kindergarten enjoys strong parental support. Parents are responsible for cleaning, grounds maintenance and fundraising.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Wilmington Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities,
A Rural Care Centre is situated in Melrose and Child Care is available in Port Augusta. Booleroo Centre District School provides secondary

education for students graduating from Wilmington Primary School.

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities:**
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- **Availability of staff housing:** none available
- **Accessibility**
Wilmington is approximately 300km from Adelaide. An airstrip is located in Booleroo Centre. Well maintained bitumen roads connect Wilmington with neighbouring towns (Orroroo, Melrose, Port Augusta and Quorn) and beyond.
- **Local Government**
The District Council of Mt Remarkable (ph: 86662014) has its offices in Melrose. Visit www.mtr.sa.gov.au for more information.

7. Further Comments

- **Partnership arrangements with other groups:**
The building is often utilised by community groups, particularly Playgroup on Wednesday morning between 9:30 and 11am.