



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Centre number:** 5616

**Centre name:** Glandore Community Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director – Sharyn Clark
- Postal address – 37 St Georges Avenue Glandore SA 5037
- Location address – 37 St Georges Avenue Glandore SA 5037
- DfE Partnership- Greenhills South Partnership, Felixstow 1 Portfolio
- Geographical location – 5.8km road distance from GPO (km)
- Telephone number – 08 8293 5325.
- Preschool website address: [www.glandorekgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.glandorekgn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address: [dl.5616.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.5616.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Enrolment/Attendance: 44-66 Enrolment Cap
- Stand-alone preschool (Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children with bilingual support and preschool support available)

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- National Quality Standards Preschool Quality Improvement Plan and Improvement Focus updated annually.

## 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework V.2.0 and the DfE Indicators of Preschool Numeracy and Literacy,

### Our Philosophy Statement

At Glandore Community Kindergarten, our teaching and learning practices are underpinned by research, ensuring that we provide the highest quality education for our children. We believe that play provides strength-based opportunities for children to discover, create, inquire, and reason. Through play, children engage in

a rich context that allows them to develop their literacy and numeracy capabilities and experience 'intellectual stretch'.

Our pedagogical approach includes sustained shared thinking practices, positioning educators as play partners alongside children. This collaborative approach fosters a supportive and engaging learning environment. Our learning environment provides scope for all children to take risks and experience challenges, engage in sustainable practices, connect with the land, and develop dispositions for learning.

The cycle of planning for every child and a focus on continuous improvement guides our teaching practices and the setup of learning spaces. We believe that collaboration and communication with families enable children to strengthen connections and learning between home and Kindergarten. Responsive and respectful relationships shape our learning community, ensuring that every child feels valued and supported.

A focus on equity ensures all children can experience positive engagement and growth over time. We value diversity and incorporate it into the learning context, routines, and play, creating an inclusive environment where every child can thrive.

At Glandore Community Kindergarten, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that supports the holistic development of every child. Together with families, we create a rich and dynamic learning community that fosters a love of learning and prepares children for future success.

## 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  - ❖ 1.0 Director
  - ❖ 1.0 Teacher
  - ❖ 0.4 Universal Access Teacher
  - ❖ 0.6 Speech and Language Teacher
  - ❖ 0.5 Speech Pathologist (in the Speech and Language Program)
  - ❖ *IESP funded ECWs as required.*
  
- Performance Management Program: 6 monthly formal meetings with The Director (line manager of staff) and Education Director (line manager of The Director)
  
- Access to special support staff is through the Felixstow DfE Office

## 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  - ❖ Lush with greenery. Building is maintained to a high standard.
  - ❖ Capacity (assigned physical capacity each session) 45 children.

- ❖ Centre Ownership – the building is leased from West Torrens Council and managed by DfE.
- ❖ Access for child and staff with disabilities

## **6. Local Community**

We welcome all families who wish to attend our centre and follow the DfE priority of access and enrolment policy/ procedures when we allocate places. There are two main intakes: Term 1 and Term 3 of each year.

Governing Council meets twice per term.

Main Feeder Schools: Black Forest Primary School, Plympton Primary School, and St John the Baptist Catholic School.

Many children attend Glandore Private Kindergarten and Child Care Centre on days they do not attend Kindy.

Kmart Shopping Centre is less than 1km away on Anzac Highway

Glandore Community Centre offers a broad range of programs to all family members.

Local Government: City of West Torrens

## **7. Further Comments**

The kindergarten's financial position is strong with a budget overseen by The Director and Governing Council. A DfE Finance Team located offsite manages the sites finances. Each term we seek a Parent Financial Contribution.