



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated:

**Centre number:** 4630

**Centre name:** Lobethal Community Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director  
Leeanne Munn
- Postal address  
1 Reserve Avenue  
Lobethal SA 5241
- Location address  
1 Reserve Avenue  
Lobethal SA 5241
- DECD Partnership  
Torrens Valley Partnership

Geographical location – approx 42km from GPO in the Adelaide Hills

- Telephone number  
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- Preschool website address:  
[lobethalkgn.sa.edu.au](http://lobethalkgn.sa.edu.au)

- Preschool e-mail address  
dl.4630.leaders@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance
  - 2013 enrolments 50 attendance 44
  - 2014 enrolments 46 attendance 44
  - 2015 enrolments 55 attendance 56
  - 2016 enrolments 33 attendance 30
  - 2017 enrolments 51
- Co-located/stand-alone  
Stand alone
- Programs operating at the preschool

Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children

Children can attend 15 hours over the following sessional configurations: 2 x full days either Monday/Tuesday or Wednesday/Thursday (8.30am – 3.15pm) plus 3 Friday sessions a term (9am – 3pm)

Associated Programs

Nature Connect Bush Kindy program, Lobethal Kindergarten Nature Playgroup, Pre-entry or play and stay sessions during term 4 as part of our transition program as applicable, Early Entry.

Lunch/Full Day Program

Bilingual Support

Preschool Support

## 2. Key Centre Policies

See centre Philosophy Statement

Quality Improvement Plan Focus areas:

- ✓ Strong Community Connectedness
- ✓ Quality Teaching and Learning

✓ Quality Learning Environments

### 3. Curriculum

- Framework used: Early Years Learning Framework  
Educators at our site use the EYLF to create a learning environment, which implements the stated principles, practices and learning outcomes. We have a strong child's voice in curriculum planning through emergent planning processes.  
Individual learning plans are prepared for each child with short-term specific learning plans created, implemented and reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- Core Values – Trust, Humour, Respect, Challenge
- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects

Nature Connect Bush Kindy Program – an off-site bush kindy program which piloted in 2015. Sessions are conducted at the local Bushland Park site. The centre has a strong nature based program and pedagogy which is constantly evolving.

'Kindy-Connect' transition program with Lobethal Primary School. Ongoing transition programming which involves multi layered transitional visits and a focus on continuity of learning across sites.

### 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile  
Leeanne Munn, PSD 1  
Janelle Ward, Teacher. 0.6  
Kerry Harten, Teacher. 0.6  
Janice Jenkin, ECW. 0.8  
Nicole Wood, ECW/lunch care/Preschool support. Hours based on enrolments/needs  
Melissa Randall, Preschool Support. Hours based on enrolments/needs  
Vanessa Curry, Finance Officer.

Performance Management Program – Based on DECD Performance Management guidelines/procedures. Ongoing cyclic approach based on

planning and review meetings throughout the year. Performance Plans are developed yearly with each staff member. These are reviewed regularly, and tailored to encourage personal growth and take into consideration each staff members strengths and needs.

- Access to special support staff
- Other

## **5. Centre Facilities**

- Buildings and grounds
  - Buildings and grounds – The Centre was moved to the current site in 1966. Located in the centre of town, close to the main street. The building and grounds are small, tucked away on a house block amongst houses and adjacent to a small reserve. The indoor area is airconditioned (reverse cycle). The outdoor learning area is easily supervised and well protected from the sun, having large deciduous trees and a shade awning over the sandpit as well as a gazebo. We have a rainwater tank, sensory sustainable garden area, garden beds and a small lawn area. We have a chook shed, watercourse, boardwalk, mud kitchen (muddy puddles Kitchen, plumbed with rainwater from our tank) and a digging patch, which are all heavily utilised during kindergarten sessions.
- Centre Ownership - DECD

Access for children and staff with disabilities –  
– No wheel chair access at present

- Capacity – 30 children per session

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

- General characteristics:

The kindergarten serves a growing community, including several smaller townships, orchards and farmlands up to 30kms away. The area is renowned for it's apple, pear and cherry orchards, strawberry farms and vineyards. The history of Lobethal has a strong German heritage, however the majority of families are now Anglo-Australian. We have had recent cultural change with many Vietnamese families moving into the area with contractual employment with Thomas Food International (Abbetoirs). This has provided the community with rich cultural diversity.

Many families commute to the city and out of the area for work and extended family commitments, but the township of Lobethal still manages to have a very cohesive and co-operative community spirit.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool – There has traditionally been a high level of parent interest and involvement. Community support comes from local Service Clubs, businesses and a general whole-community interest in the Kindergarten and willingness to help where possible.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool – Lobethal Primary, Lenswood Primary, Birdwood Primary, Woodside Primary, Oakbank Area School, Kersbrook Primary, Lobethal Lutheran School, Unity College Springhead, Hills Christian School.
- Other local care and educational facilities, - Lobethal has a number of Family Day Care providers. Child care centres are located at Gumeracha, Birdwood and Oakbank- all within 15-minute drive.
- Lobethal has two primary schools (Government and Lutheran), the nearest high schools are located at Birdwood and Oakbank Area School R-12
- Lobethal Primary operates OSHC and Vacation care programs.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities – A supermarket is situated a block away from the kindergarten and other shops/facilities include, hardware, bakery, ANZ bank, chemist, post office, newsagency, hairdressers, butchers. Bridgestone tyre centre, petrol station, two mechanic shops and other light industries run out of the old woollen mills. We have Hughes construction operate on the outskirts of town.
- Other local facilities – Doctors, Dentis, Phsyo, and Chiropractor, Slot cars, two hotels, The Lobethal Bierhaus, Coffee shop and a weekend run Cinema

- There are two playgrounds located within the town.
- Lobethal's main oval is situated a short 5-minute walk from the main street and is home to football, netball, tennis, polocross and cricket. Lobethal Lutheran Church also has a netball club. All of these clubs are heavily patronised by a large percentage of the community.
- Availability of staff housing
  - - None
- Accessibility - Adelaide Metro bus– stops in the main street.
- Local Government- Adelaide Hills Council