

2023 annual report to the Community

# Salisbury Downs Preschool Centre



Salisbury Downs Preschool Centre number: 2639

Partnership: Orion



Preschool director:

Ashlea McCarthy

Signature

Date of endorsement:

07/03/2024



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

# Context Statement

Information about Salisbury Downs Preschool Centre is available on the centres website, as well as the Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

## Governing Council Report

The 2023 Governing Council consisted of a small group of parents who volunteered their time to meet twice a term to help make decisions and support the running of the Preschool. Throughout the year, the Governing Council:

- Reviewed and approved the Preschool Quality Improvement Plan and site policies
- Monitored and approved the 2023 budget and finances throughout the 2023 year
- Discussed and approved preschool closure days
- Discussed, supported, and coordinated preschool fundraising events

Over the year the preschool parents enjoyed playing a role in their children’s education by participating and supporting their child in a variety of ways. They engaged in literacy kit borrowing – bridging learning between preschool and home, met with teachers to hear about their child’s learning and create learning goals, attended the ‘Special Friends Day’ celebration and had the opportunity to join their child on the excursion to the zoo.

The preschool community farewelled Elizabeth Burton in December as she takes on a new role after being at Salisbury Downs Preschool for over 20 years. The parents and community thank her for her support and impact she has made on the Salisbury Downs community and wish her all the best in her next career move.

We welcome the 2024 Governing council and wish them all the best in continuing the role of supporting and guiding the running of the preschool to provide a quality program filled with amazing opportunities to support learning.

## Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2020 centre	91.1%		76.2%	87.1%
2021 centre	83.9%	80.5%	83.9%	75.9%
2022 centre	73.1%	84.8%	81.2%	75.7%
2023 centre	84.8%	78.6%	86%	85.9%
2020 state	89.1%		84.6%	85.8%
2021 state	87.3%	85.3%	87.1%	84.5%
2022 state	83.6%	77.6%	77.9%	77.8%
2023 state	85.4%	82.9%	83.4%	81.4%

Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department’s Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2023. A blank cell indicates there we no students enrolled.

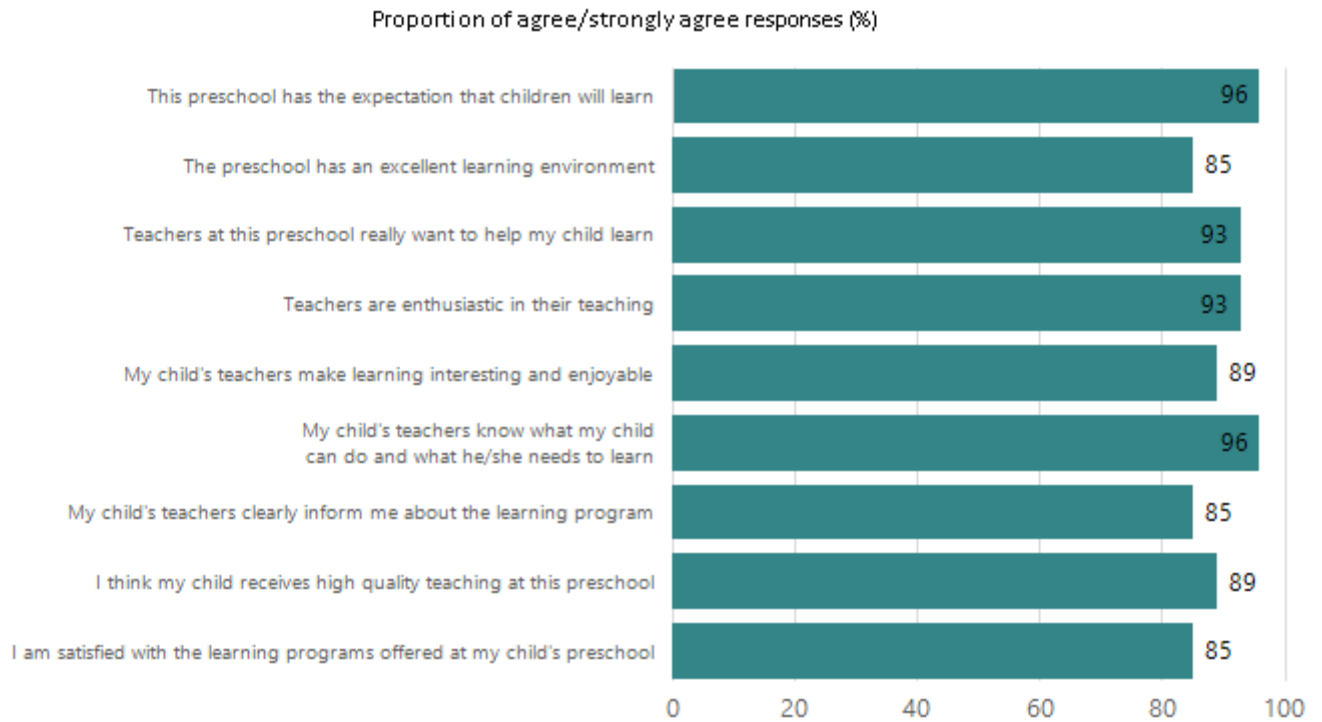
Note: Term 2 2020 data may not be available for all preschools.

## Attendance Comment

In South Australia, preschool attendance is not compulsory, but it is strongly encouraged. Preschool gives children the best opportunity to develop skills, which prepare them for school. These benefits include establishing positive routines and habits, friendships and connections as well as developing communication, problem-solving and creative skills. All children are entitled to access a preschool program over 4 terms the year before they start school.

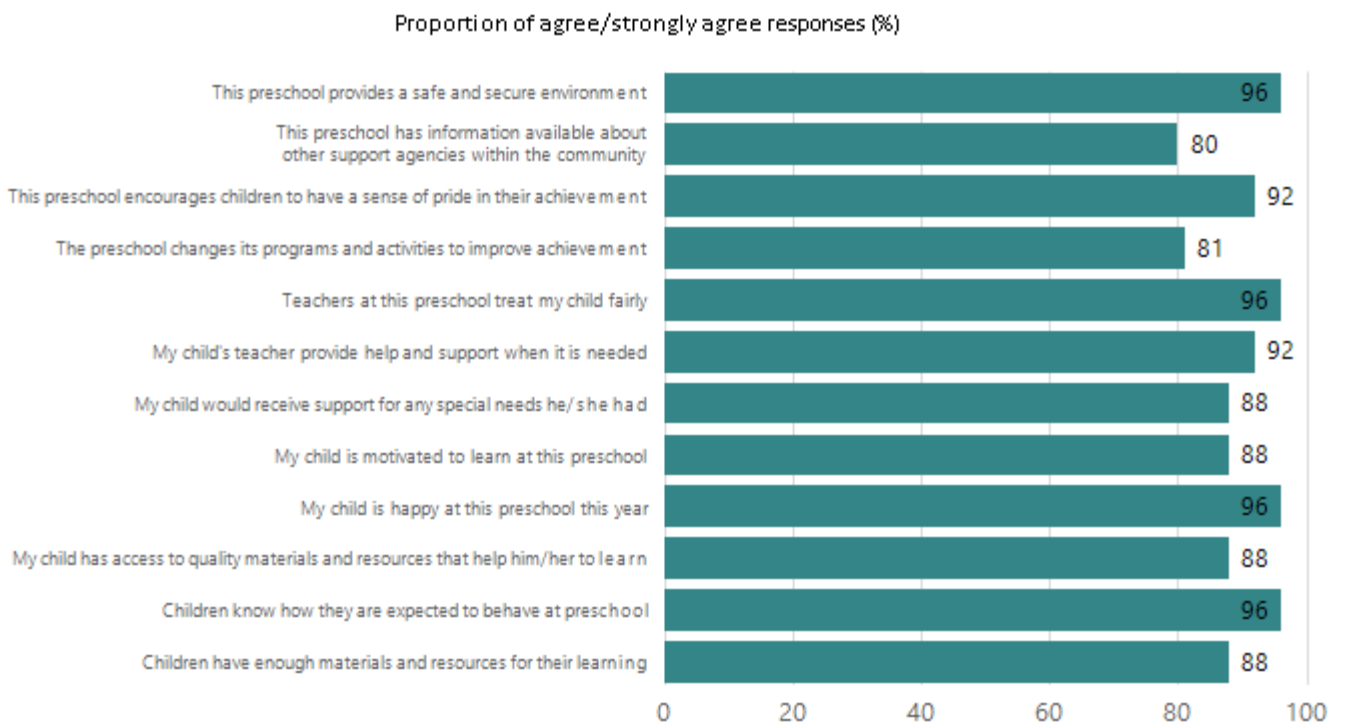
# Preschool Family Opinion Survey

## Quality of Teaching and Learning



Data Source: 2023 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2023.

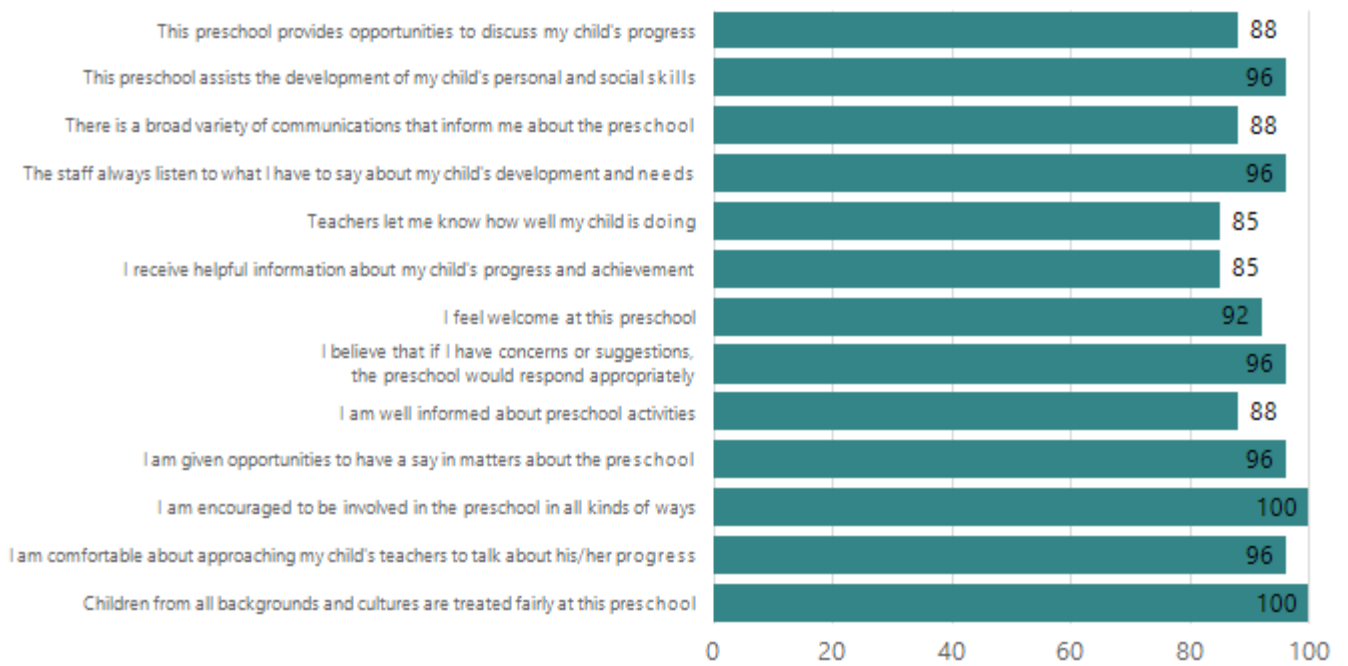
## Support of Learning



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# Relationships and Communication

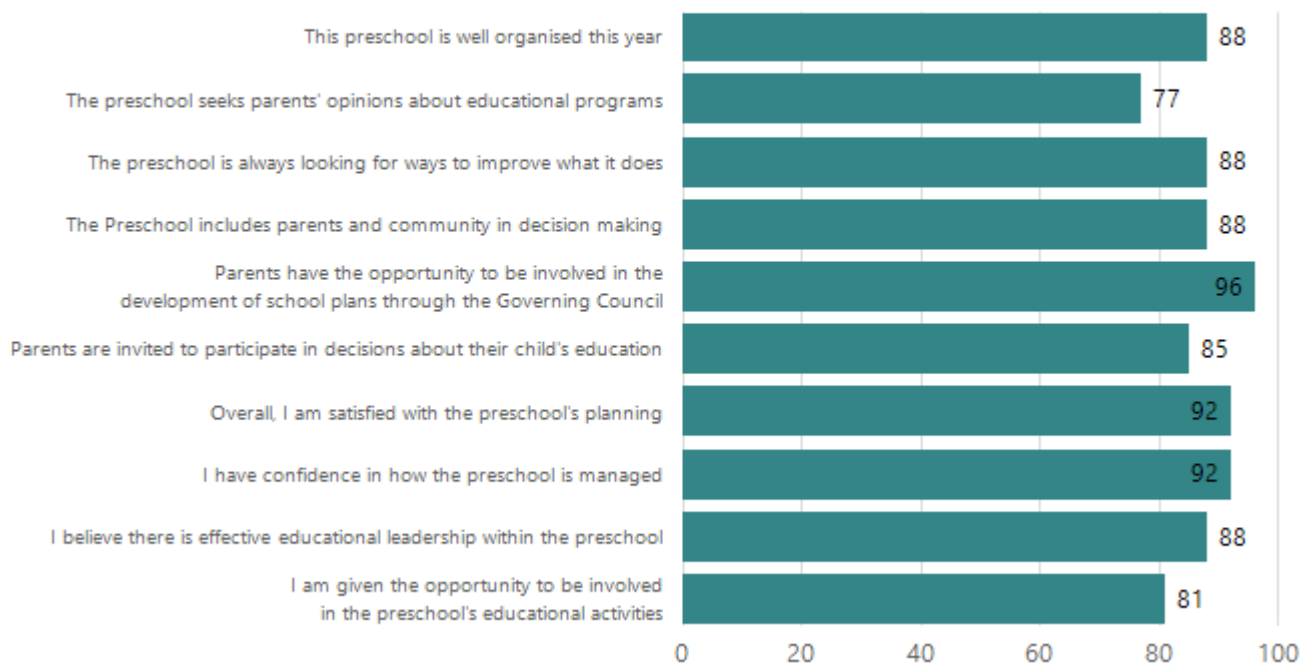
Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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# Leadership and Decision Making

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# Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
1194 - Salisbury Downs Primary School	57.5%	54.2%	62.2%
1427 - Riverdale Primary School		8.3%	
1900 - Mark Oliphant College (B-12)		4.2%	
8399 - Holy Family Catholic School	5.0%	8.3%	
9072 - St Augustine's Parish School		8.3%	
9999 - Unknown	27.5%	16.7%	31.1%

Note: The data is collected in term 3. It does not reflect actual schools enrolled in by existing preschool children. A blank cell indicates there was no data for students enrolled.

Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2023.

# Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	2

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2023. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

## Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	1.9	0.0	0.7
Persons	0.0	2.0	0.0	2.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2023.

Please note: Data includes staff who are actively employed and on extended paid leave. "Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

## Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	0
Grants: Commonwealth	0
Parent Contributions	\$13,835.00
Fund Raising	\$2,046.45
Other	\$6,000

Data Source: School supplied data.