



2023 annual report to the Community

# Seaview Downs Kindergarten

Seaview Downs Kindergarten number: 3684

Partnership: Marion Coast



Preschool director:

Joylene Klein

Date of endorsement:

04/04/2024



Government  
of South Australia  
Department for Education

# Context Statement

Information about Seaview Downs Kindergarten is available on the centres website, as well as the Australian Childrens Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

## Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2020 centre	96%		91.2%	95.3%
2021 centre	92.4%	85.3%	93.6%	91.4%
2022 centre	84.1%	75.4%	83.5%	80%
2023 centre	86.2%	88.2%	89.3%	86.8%
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.

# Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
0637 - Brighton Primary School		5.0%	4.0%
0984 - Seaview Downs Primary School	62.5%	72.5%	56.0%
9074 - Stella Maris Parish School	12.5%	5.0%	18.0%
9999 - Unknown	16.7%	12.5%	10.0%

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.

## Governing Council Chairperson Report

As a representative of the Seaview Downs Kindy Governing Council, I have the pleasure of presenting the 2023 Chairpersons Report.

I would like to thank Joy, Kate, Sandy, Hayley, Karen, Kara and regular relief staff for all of their hard work educating our Children and running a highly respected Kindergarten. My second lot of thanks goes to the Governing Council of 2023; Lizzy, Tara, Jemma, Dave and Dennis. Thankyou for your time as representatives of the Kindy Community and collaborating with the leadership team to support the strategic direction of the Kindy.

Seaview Downs Kindy had very a successful year of fundraising with events being held throughout the year. Mother's Day Flower Sales, Wine Fundraiser, a Bunnings BBQ and a very popular Art Show, all raised money which went back into purchasing new teaching and learning resources. Thank you to all the friends of Seaview Downs Kindy who volunteered their time to help run these events successfully.

The Kindy also benefited from three policy updates as part of a UniSA project undertaken by 4<sup>th</sup> year Early Childhood Education Student, Charlie Viles. The three policies related to sun safety, food and nutrition and behaviour management were all reviewed and refined, with positive feedback and input received from our Kindy community. The GC recommended to accept the policy updates.

Planning for facility upgrades continued in 2023 with some essential plumbing/sewerage works completed during the summer break and hopefully upgrades to the student bathroom to be completed this calendar year. The CG was also presented with some new concepts for the Kindy entrance and locker area improvements.

I'd like to wish the Seaview Downs Kindy Staff, Students, Friends and Families, and the incoming Governing Council all the best for 2024.

Dan Woolford

# 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	3
Postgraduate Qualifications	1

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	2.7	0.0	0.6
Persons	0.0	4.0	0.0	1.0

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	\$ 463,456
Grants: Commonwealth	-
Parent Contributions	\$ 35,575
Fund Raising	\$ 5,852
Other	\$ 1,862

Data Source: School supplied data.

## Preschool Director's 2023 Highlights

Seaview Downs Kindergarten is a children's garden, which is the original meaning of kindergarten. We are tucked in the corner of a street square in the leafy Adelaide suburb of Seaview Downs. The open, well-lit main kindy room opens onto a surprisingly large 'L' shaped outdoor play area that offers fun, learning opportunities for preschool explorers, naturalists, scientists and mathematicians under the shade of large, beautiful trees. First time visitors are often heard to say that they would never have expected such a wonderful outdoor learning area in a kindy that has no street frontage.

During 2023, enrolments moved between 42 to 51 (56 children enrolled over the year) with two groups. This year was the introduction (or reintroduction!) of midyear intake, with 12 children beginning their kindy year in Term 3. Children attended for two full days per week and an additional half day per fortnight. A high proportion of families have both parents in full or part time paid employment with many children attending childcare on non-kindergarten days. The kindy families represent a diverse community, including families of Asian, Middle Eastern, British and South African origins.

There have been many highlights during 2023; here are just a few, in no particular priority order

- Amazing progress of all children in their play engagement and social interactions.
- Detailed construction creations made every day at kindy, with children working together using their engineering skills.
- Children highly engaged in learning about and caring for the many visiting animals over the year.
- Children as authors of their own detailed books.
- Children and staff enjoying using music across the curriculum, and specific learning with our new instruments and other resources.
- Guest presenters encouraging children's learning in recycling, painting, our first nation culture, gardening, Nature Ed, art, and emergency services/MFS, SAPOL.
- Two successful excursions for each group to the children's festival in Adelaide city and to the Marine Discovery Centre at Henley Beach, plus regular local walks.
- 100% families participating in developing individual learning plans for their children.
- Family events – highly successful family fun days and art show – children very excited to share their kindy learning with their significant adults, plus end year celebrations and goodbyes.
- Engaging with two groups of Seaview High students at kindy for several visits, culminating in the kindy children visiting high school – some parents joked about taking their four year old for their first day at high school!
- Willing parents to assist with washing, yard rosters, paying fees, and fundraising events.
- Two pre-service teachers, one work experience HS students plus five occupational therapy students supported by our dedicated staff and welcomed by our children.
- Playgroup running alternate Friday afternoons, excellent opportunity for local families to engage in the kindy space, with dedicated volunteer coordinators Shelley and Bruce.
- Provision of some new IT equipment including a large screen has been a great resource to share some online resources with the children.
- Excellent (perfect) results in our finance audit, thank you to Leonie our finance officer, who has won a team leader position in preschool financial services for DfE.
- Finance bookkeeping successfully transitioned to being managed by DfE central office.
- Dedicated, professional, creative, flexible and hardworking staff team who have kept children's learning and wellbeing as our focus. Well done and thank you.