



2024 annual report to the Community

## Blackwood Kindergarten

Blackwood Kindergarten number: 4608

Partnership: Mitcham Hills



Preschool director:

Madeleine Stewardson

Date of endorsement:

01/07/2025



Government  
of South Australia  
Department for Education

## Context Statement

Information about Blackwood Kindergarten is available on the centres website, as well as the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

Blackwood Kindergarten is a Hills Kindy, with a rich outdoor learning environment. We welcome children and families to playgroup and kindergarten.

Our focus on learning in and about nature reflects the value we place in belonging to our space. We equally value learning indoors and outside and are grateful for such a beautiful place to learn.

We are a supportive and inclusive community kindergarten inspiring life-long learning for all. We work with children in their play and encourage them to approach new challenges with confidence, resilience and creativity.

Our Philosophy, endorsed in 2024, is available on our website. Our children wear the values of our kindy on the back of their kindy tops and this helps them to ways strive to achieve these important things.



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## Governing Council Report

In 2024, the Blackwood Kindergarten Governing Council consisted of six parents from the Kindy and the Kindy Director, Maddy Stewardson. The Governing Council met two times each term. We loved getting insight into the behind the scenes efforts that make Blackwood Kindy such a wonderful place to be, getting to know the hard-working and dedicated staff and fellow like-minded parents, the opportunities to get involved with our children's learnings (Clean Up Australia, Nature Kindy, selling socks, fire safety day), being a part of building for future children through fundraising and sharing our ideas, and just generally having a voice in decision making for the kindy.

The year went by so fast - it was a lot of fun seeing our fundraising projects through from start to finish. Our fundraising efforts included selling fun pairs of socks from Jolly Soles at the kindy for Father's Day; printed tea towels from Expressions Fundraising featuring drawings by the kindy kids;; and a raffle with 15 prizes prizes generously donated by local businesses and kindy families (prizes included an Thunderbirds Guernsey, vouchers from B3 Coffee, State Flora Nursery, Intersport, Hearth breads, Blackwood Recreation Centre, Blackwood Fish Man, wine, chocolates, and a trailer full of firewood!). Our collective fundraising efforts yielded a profit of \$2500 which will go towards creating new spaces within the kindergarten.

Many hands make light work, and I encourage you to be a part of this year's Governing Council. Maddy is incredibly organised and efficient, the meetings were not long or arduous (there were snacks), and it was a really nice way to feel more connected to our children's year at Blackwood Kindy.

## Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021 centre	92.9%	84.1%	86.9%	91.9%
2022 centre	93.4%	83.3%	84.4%	91.4%
2023 centre	93.8%	91.3%	90.6%	95.5%
2024 centre	90.8%		85.4%	

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 2024. A blank cell indicates there were no students enrolled.

# Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2022	2023	2024
0104 - Coromandel Valley Primary School	17.8%	9.3%	21.7%
0124 - Eden Hills Primary School	11.1%	5.6%	
0524 - Belair Primary School	4.4%	7.4%	3.3%
0565 - Blackwood Primary School	28.9%	31.5%	13.3%
0972 - Hawthorndene Primary School		3.7%	
1226 - Craighburn Primary School	6.7%		
9999 - Unknown	24.4%	35.2%	56.7%

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, 2024.

## 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.

# 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	4

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2024. 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	3.3	0.0	1.4
Persons	0.0	4.0	0.0	2.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2024.

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	512,000.05
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	40,239.60
Fund Raising	2515.38
Other	

Data Source: School supplied data.