



2024 annual report to the Community

Uraidla & Hills Community Kindergart

Uraidla & Hills Community Kindergart number: 4614

Partnership: Mount Lofty



Preschool director:

Catherine Holdcroft

Date of endorsement:

14/02/2025



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

Context Statement

Information about Uraidla & Hills Community Kindergart is available on the centre's website, as well as the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

Governing Council Report

Last year we had a strong governing council with 8 members. We started the term off with an afternoon family kindy picnic. It was lovely to see so many families mingling for the first time, welcoming each other and forming friendships.

2024 Term 1 started with very excited children eager to play, learn and grow. They were guided by beautiful teachers and Director Helen. All staff did a great job at settling the kids into their environment. They all made the children feel very safe, happy and welcome. As the term rolled into term 2 the staffing arrangements became unknown with some staff departing unexpectedly. During the year there were lots of new teaching faces and a new temporary Director, while Helen took personal leave until the end of 2025. During this uncertainty with staffing some children became unsettled, however acting Director Catherine was beautiful and amazing at making families feel very invited at drop off and pick up time, she stepped up to the Director role perfectly. Lexi and Steph did an exceptional job at grounding the children in both the yellow and green groups and helping them continue to love Kindy and feel pride in their space.

The governing council continued the t-shirts and jumpers fundraising that the previous governing council conducted. The children loved the "uniform", creating a sense of belonging amongst them. The picture plates were continued as well, and were a success. The governing council also did an end of year Christmas Raffle that was drawn at a very successful Christmas Concert. The fundraising aim was to raise money for new sand pit toys and these were purchased with these funds. In addition, the sandpit kitchen and preparation bench were purchased, as the council raised over \$2,500 for the Kindy.

In September the council organised another picnic to reconnect with each other and welcome the mid-year entry families. We gathered at the Uraidla Oval Nature Space in the evening and it was a great success. The children were thrilled to play with each other outside of kindy and it was a good chance for parents and staff to connect and build the strong community.

The Christmas concert at the end of the year was a perfect way to finish the kindy year. It was such a delight to families and friends to watch their child singing along in the concert, and it was very well attended.

Uraidla and Hills Community Kindergarten staff gave valuable support throughout the year to all children, and for several children with additional needs. They all made great connections and growth over the year.

On behalf of the Governing Council, we want to thank Directors Helen & Catherine and the Kindy Staff team for their endless Support, Effort, and Love for the children and families.

We welcome Pip Rust as the new Director for 2025 year and wish her all the best.

Kind Regards,
Governing Council.

Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021 centre	94.4%	91.9%	95.5%	82.3%
2022 centre	96.3%	84.7%	83%	95.1%
2023 centre	98%	84.2%	85.4%	78.1%
2024 centre	91.2%		86%	

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 we no students enrolled.

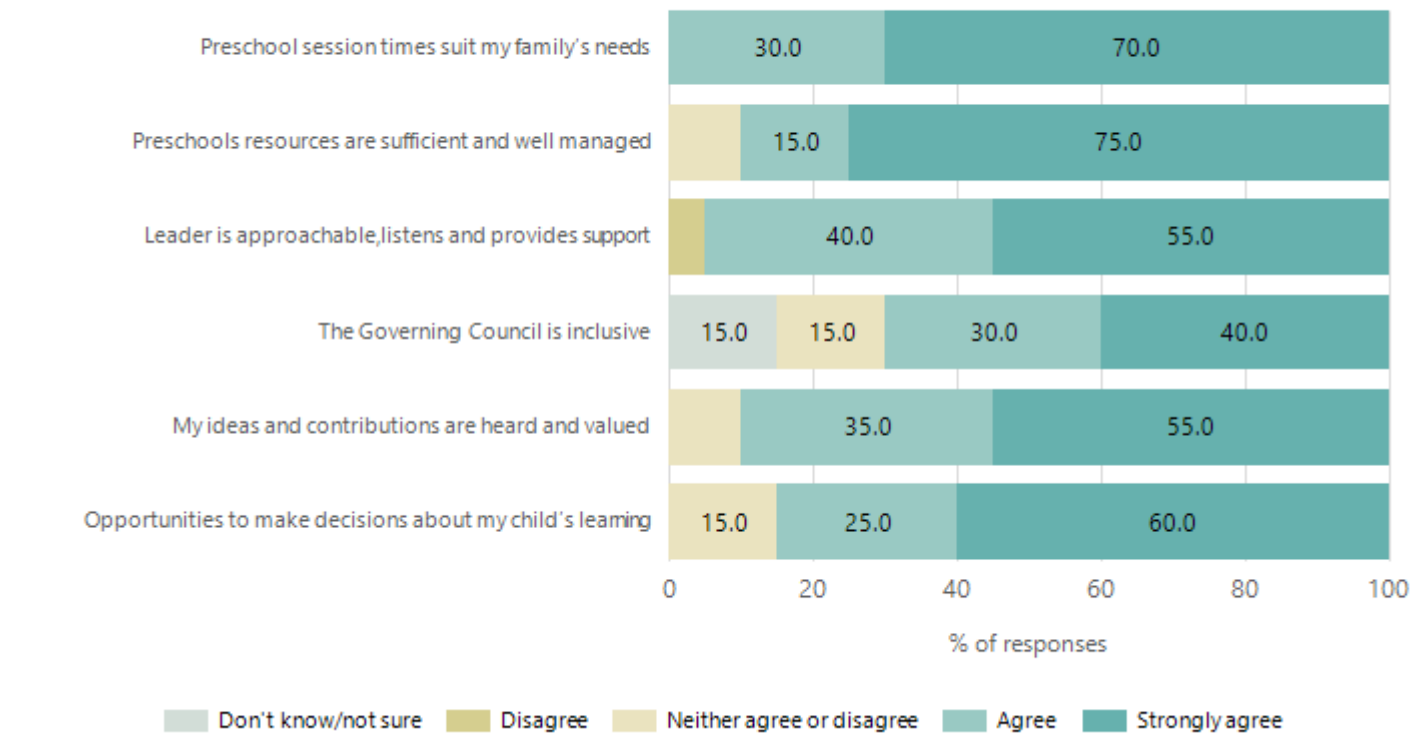
Attendance Comment

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.

The attendance data is centrally populated by the Department for Education. The gap in Terms 2 and 4 is a result of this process. Attendance is generally very high at Uraidla and Hills Community Kindergarten.

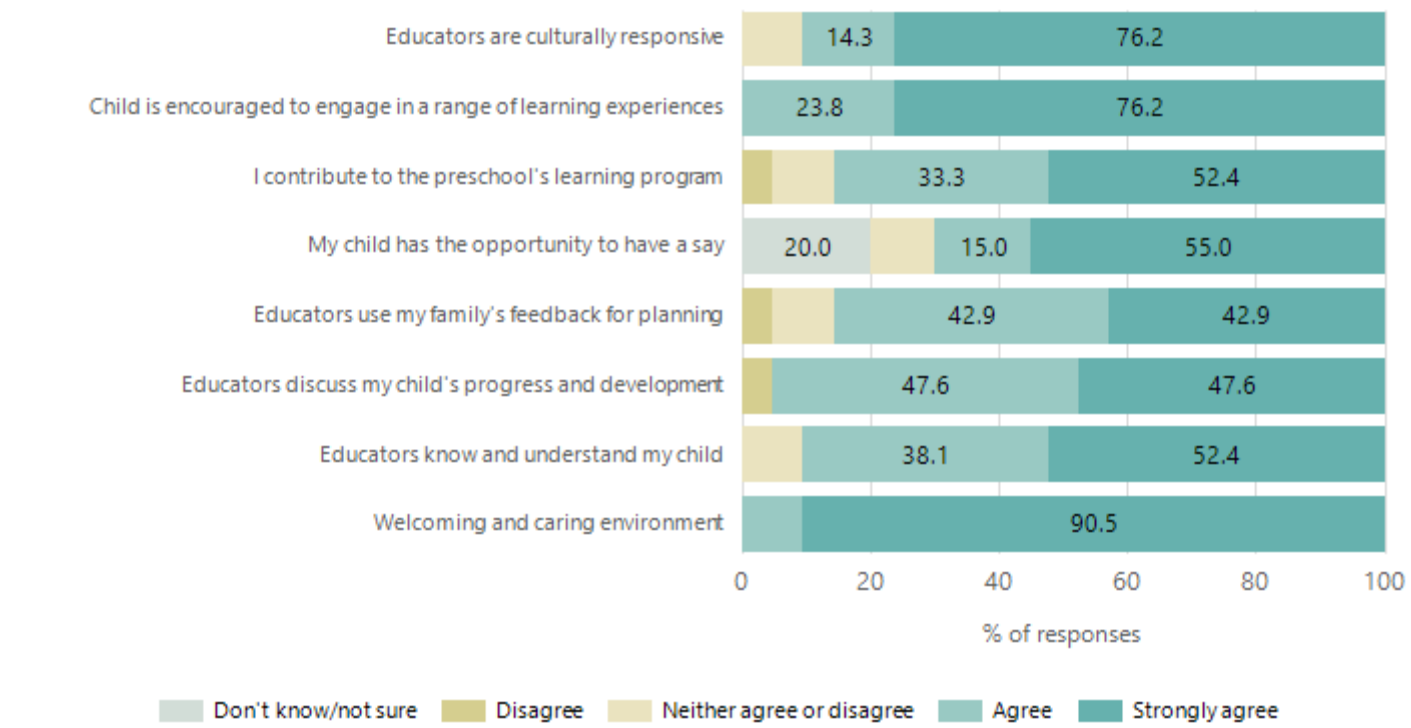
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Governance, Leadership and Management



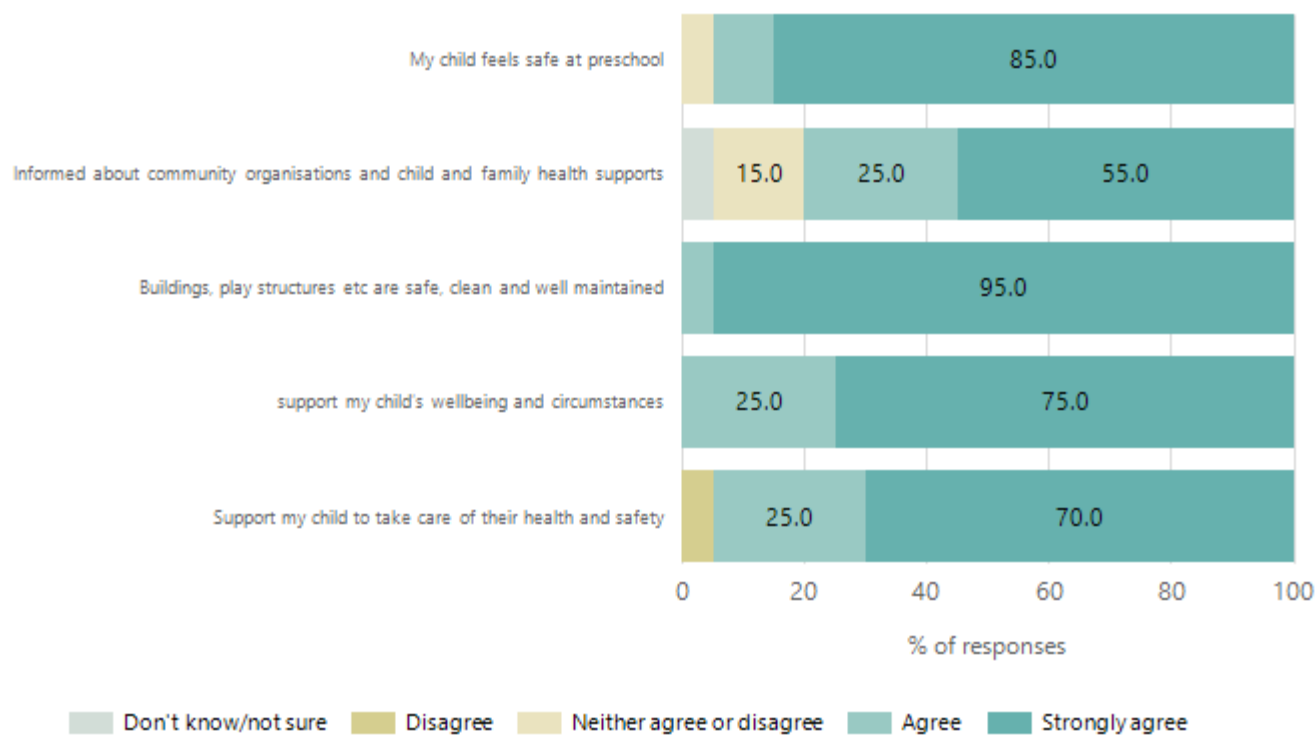
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Quality of Teaching and Learning



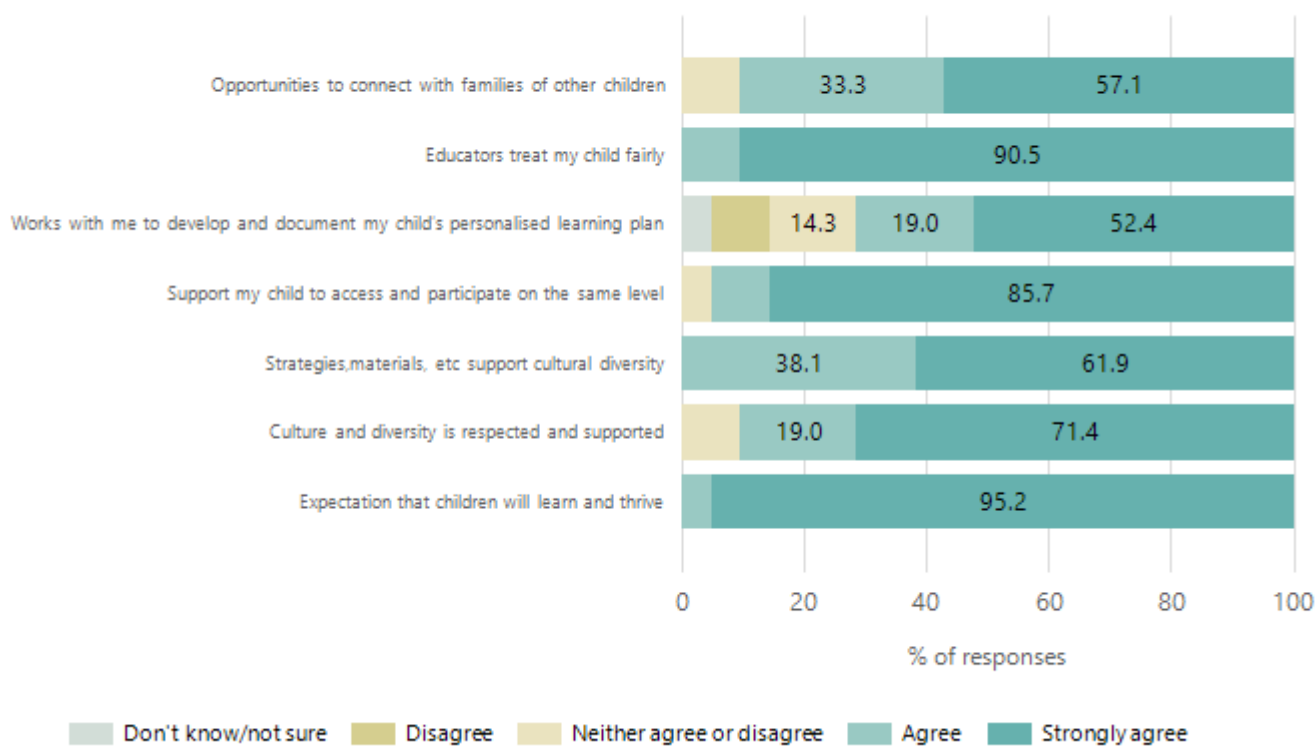
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Safety, Health and Wellbeing



Data Source: 2024 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2024.

Support and Inclusion



Data Source: 2024 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2024.

Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2022	2023	2024
0107 - Crafers Primary School			5.9%
0316 - Norton Summit Primary School	20.0%	8.3%	15.7%
0413 - Stirling East Primary School		6.3%	5.9%
0449 - Uraidla Primary School	62.9%	77.1%	58.8%
0511 - Basket Range Primary School	8.6%		
9999 - Unknown			9.8%

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.

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
Postgraduate Qualifications	2

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	1.8	0.0	1.1
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 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	\$451, 807.06
Grants: Commonwealth	-
Parent Contributions	\$48,363.25
Fund Raising	\$3727.39
Other	\$2446.50

Data Source: School supplied data.