

2024 annual report to the Community

Surrey Downs Kindergarten

Surrey Downs Kindergarten number: 4663

Partnership: Tea Tree Gully



Preschool director:

Chloe Halliwell

Date of endorsement:

03/03/2025



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education

Context Statement

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

Governing Council Report

This year was a big year of change for Surrey Downs Kindergarten and Occasional Care. We welcomed Chloe Halliwell as director- and is now tenured with us for the next 5 years. Lauren Almond, the kindergarten’s teacher was also made permanent. Surrey Downs Kindergarten will go into 2025 with a consistent staffing team- ensuring continuity for our children moving forward.

We had a very small governing council- which changed with our midyear intake. Tammy Fitzroy, as always was a driver with fundraising, Georgina Hatchard and I supported the kindergarten as their chairperson.

The kindergarten enjoyed building and establishing community connections within our local community. This saw regular library trips to the Surrey Downs Primary School and with collaboration with the 5/6 teacher, we had buddies as well. The children enjoyed connecting with their buddies and they were met with excitement each time they went over. We also joined our local public school for Book Week, Sports Day and Simultaneous Story time.

Our Intergenerational Playgroup- Play for all Life stages, was formed in partnership with the Surrey Downs Community Children’s Centre and Surrey Downs Community Centre.

We had many incursions from Animals Anonymous, Science of Sound and Music, SA Fire Service, SA Ambulance and the Scientific Circus. We celebrated mud day and had an excursion to the local road safety centre where the children got to ride bikes and learn about how road rules.

It was a successful year in which Surrey Downs Kindergarten goes in with the highest number of enrolments in a few years – 31 children.

Sarah Randall- Chairperson

Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2021 centre	96.7%	91.5%	90.9%	90%
2022 centre	87.8%	82.8%	58.8%	79.9%
2023 centre	92.3%	84.1%	69.3%	83.9%
2024 centre	91.5%		85.4%	

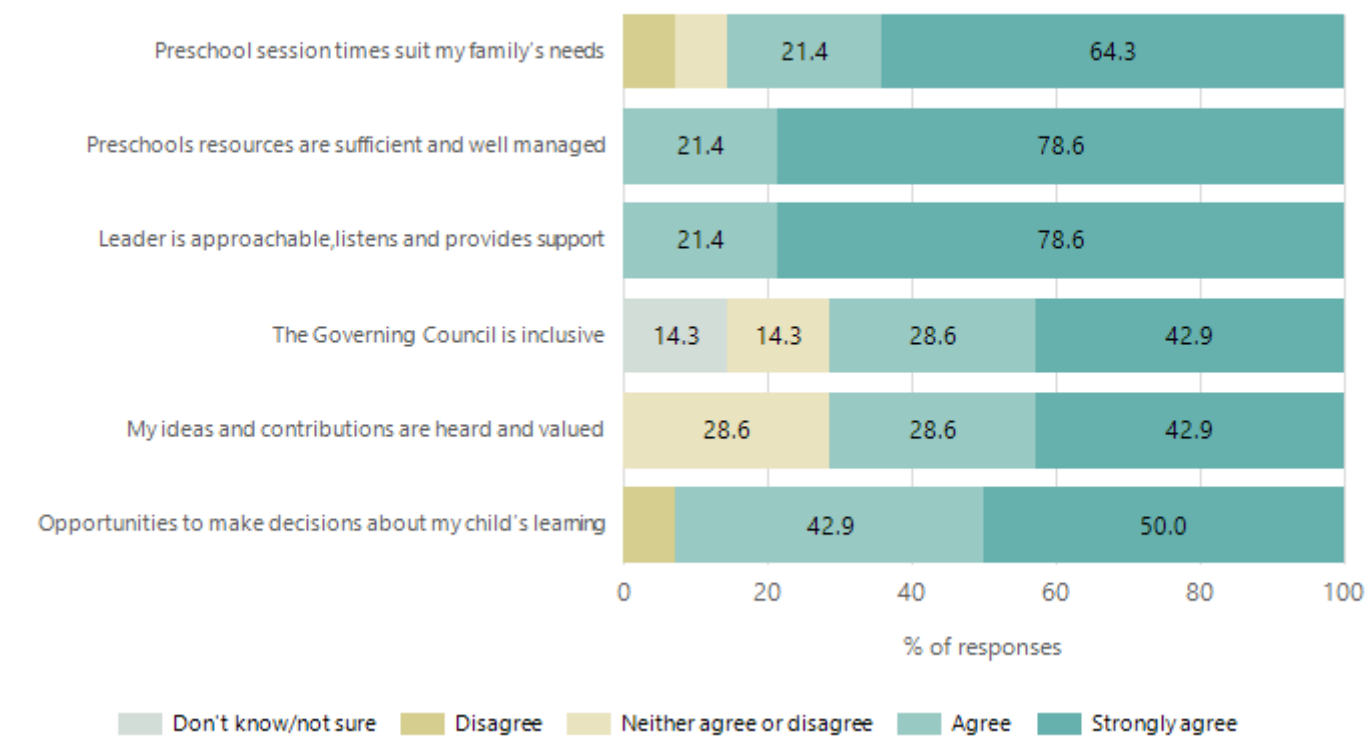
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2024. A blank cell indicates there 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.

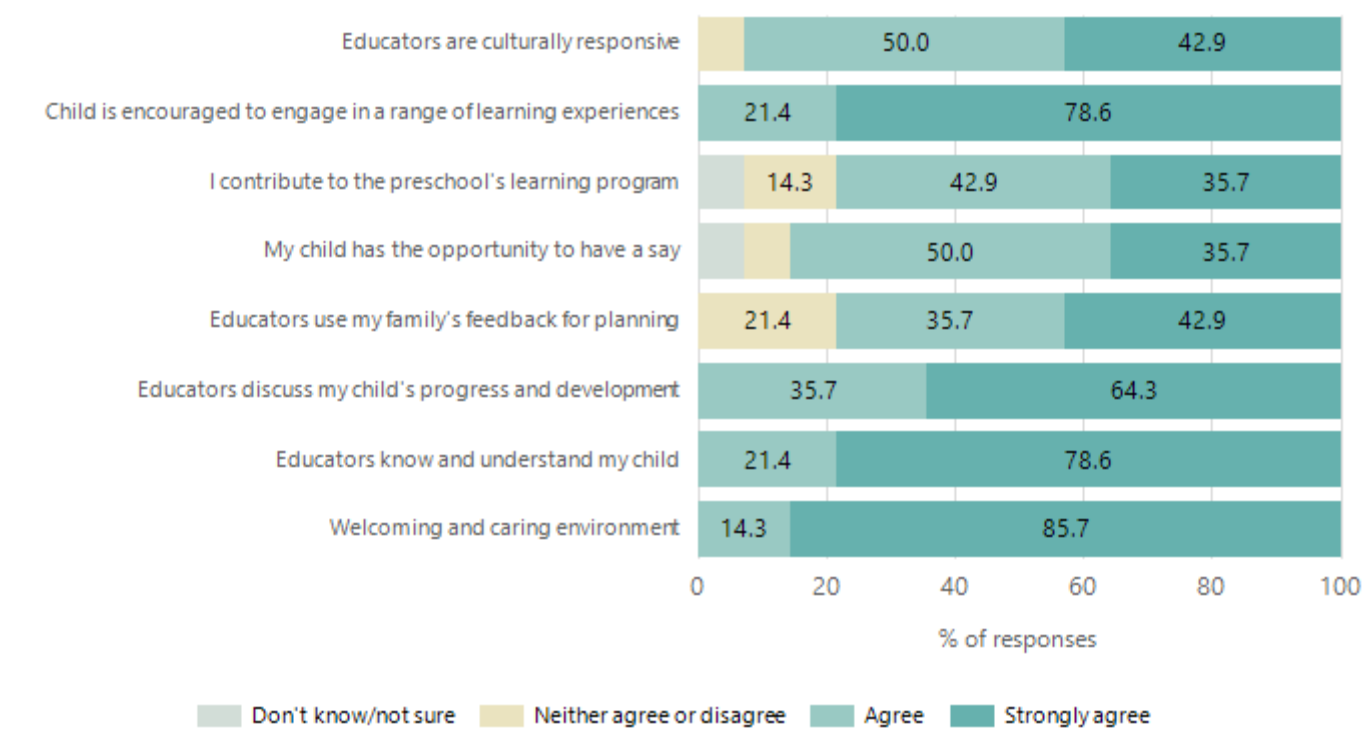
Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Governance, Leadership and Management



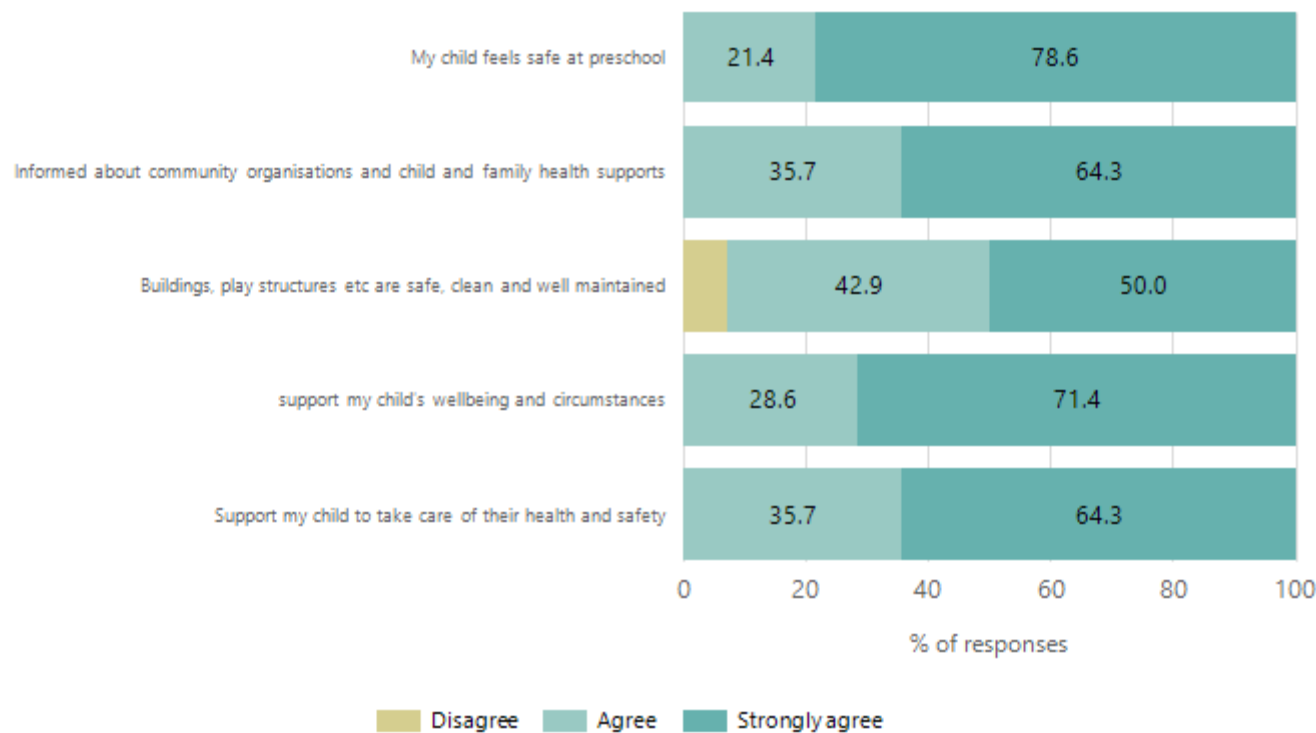
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Quality of Teaching and Learning



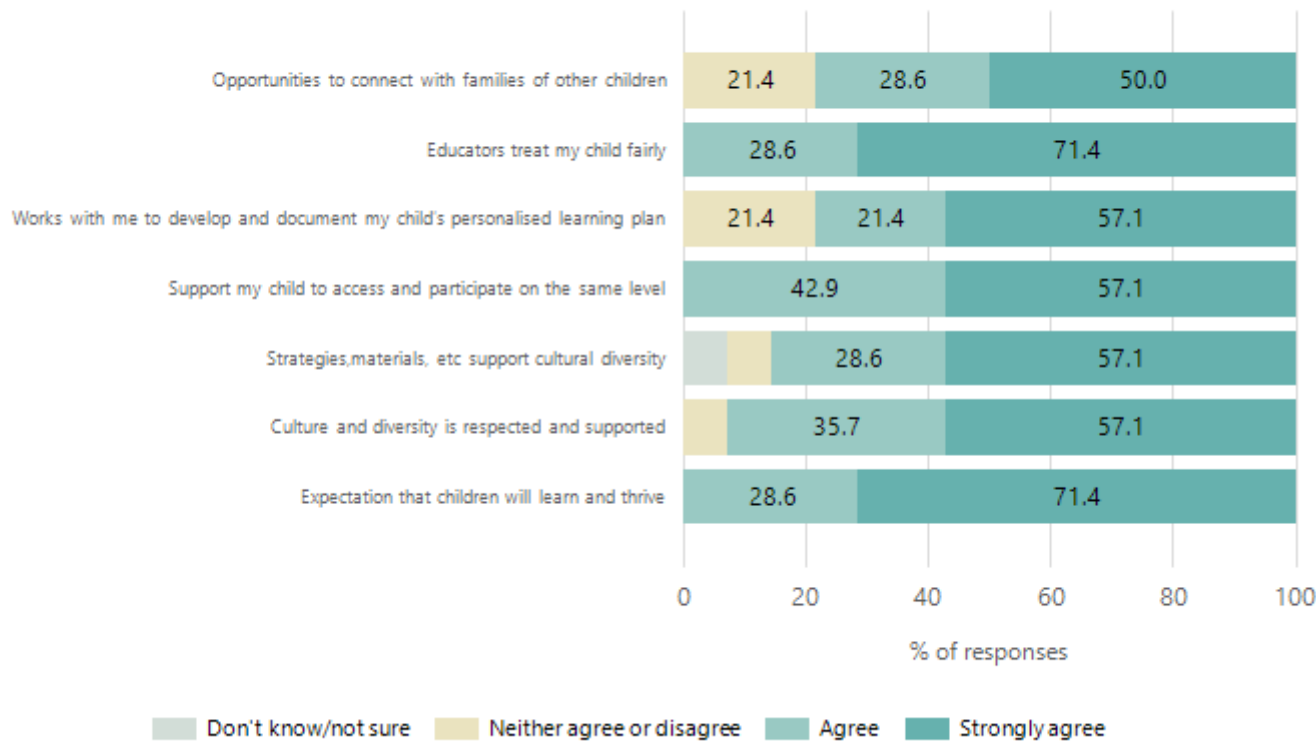
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Safety, Health and Wellbeing



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

Support and Inclusion



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Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2022	2023	2024
0285 - Mount Barker Primary School		3.5%	
0432 - Tea Tree Gully Primary School	3.5%		
0470 - Watervale Primary School		3.5%	
1015 - Banksia Park School R-6		3.5%	
1051 - Ridgehaven Primary School		3.5%	
1100 - Surrey Downs Primary School		27.6%	31.4%
1848 - Golden Grove Primary School	3.5%	3.5%	
8006 - St Francis Xavier's Regional Catholic School	3.5%	6.9%	
8226 - Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School			8.6%
8411 - Torrens Valley Christian School	3.5%		
8421 - King's Baptist Grammar School	3.5%		
9999 - Unknown	82.8%	48.3%	42.9%

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
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 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	2.0	0.0	1.5
Persons	0.0	4.0	0.0	3.0

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	\$354,704.71
Grants: Commonwealth	
Parent Contributions	\$11,629.04
Fund Raising	\$1,644.65
Other	\$717.42

Data Source: School supplied data.