

# Golden Grove Kindergarten

2023 annual report to the Community



Golden Grove Kindergarten number: 4695

Partnership: Golden Way

Preschool director:

Judith Sansome

Signature

Date of endorsement:

28/02/2024

## Context Statement

Golden Grove kindergarten is uniquely situated within a community which includes natural creeks and catchments alongside urban environs. At Golden Grove Kindergarten we value children's right to connect, care and learn from nature in childhood. We believe every child is a capable and competent learner. We provide children with a caring and active learning environment that promotes challenge, safe risk taking and learning through play. We have a strong focus on Nature Play and our outdoor environment includes many natural elements, such as dry creek bed, campfire area, mud patch, bamboo forest and vegetable gardens. We are located next to Golden Grove Primary School.

Our preschool sessions are Monday-Thursday (8:30-3:15pm) and Fridays (8:30-11:30am). Children can attend 2 full days and one-half day, every alternate Friday. Families choose either our Mon/Tues (Group A) or Wed/Thurs (Group B) for their children to attend. Our staff team consists of 1 Director, 1 teacher, 2 part time ECWs and a 0.4 teacher employed using Universal Access funding, as well as 2 part-time ECWs providing preschool support.

## Governing Council Chairperson Report

The Governing Council of 2023 included parents from both group A and B children, we met along with staff for our twice a term meetings. As this was the first year for mid-year intakes, we also had a couple of parents join the committee halfway through the year. These parents provided valuable feedback about the mid-year process.

This year we were required to review and approve various policies, some new and some amended. The budget was also reviewed and approved.

As a community we wanted to give something back to others less fortunate, Golden Grove Kindy decided to be involved in collecting nonperishable food donations for Foodbank. We received a certificate of appreciation, which totalled 88.75kg and 178 meals donated. This was a great effort from our kindy community.

The new climbing structure was approved, and family input was sought along with the children's ideas. Unfortunately, the new climbing structure took longer to complete than originally planned, so children going to school at the end of 2023 did not get a chance to use it, but those children at Golden Grove Primary school have been invited back with their Reception teachers for a visit to use it.

We planned an end of year family event, with a picnic dinner and magician, unfortunately the magician had COVID so we had to make a last minute decision about whether to go ahead with the event or change plans. We decided to go ahead and have the family night at our local park, Golden Fields. Families brought along their picnic dinners and children had the opportunity to play on the playground with their friends, and families had a chance to connect with each other outside of kindy hours. We also drew our raffle. We were lucky enough to receive donations of various items from parents to make up 3 baskets for a raffle. We sold raffle tickets on the night and in the week leading up to this. A total of \$294.85 was raised.

At our last Governing Council meeting for the year, we discussed the idea of setting up a private Facebook page for Golden Grove kindergarten families as a way for families to connect with each other to arrange outings, playdates etc. We will look into this further as a possibility for 2024 families.

We have all enjoyed our time being a part of the Governing Council in 2023 and making valuable contributions for our children. We wish you all the best for 2024.

Marissa Rundle  
Governing Council Chairperson 2023

# Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2020 centre	92.3%		92.3%	87.9%
2021 centre		82.1%	88.8%	89.4%
2022 centre	83.4%	77.9%	80.8%	86%
2023 centre	85.2%	87.2%	86.3%	83.1%
2020 state	89.1%		84.6%	85.8%
2021 state		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%

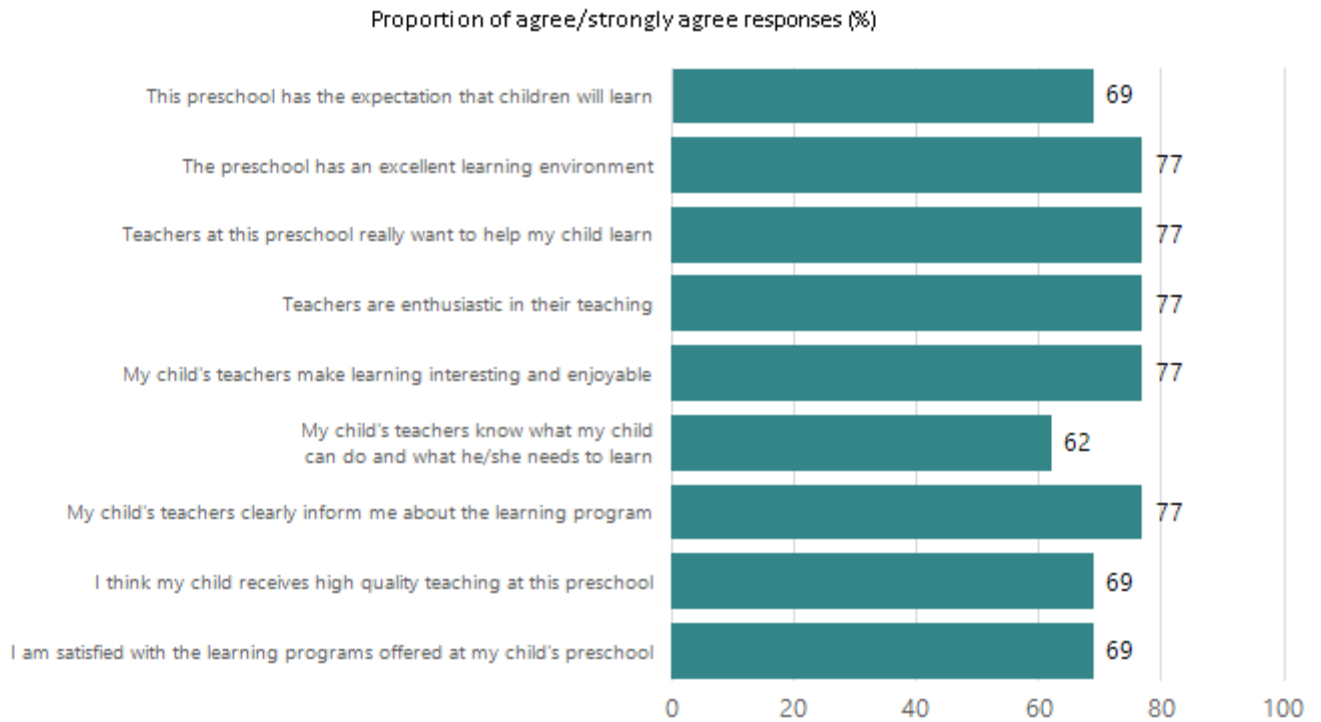
Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked 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.

## 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.

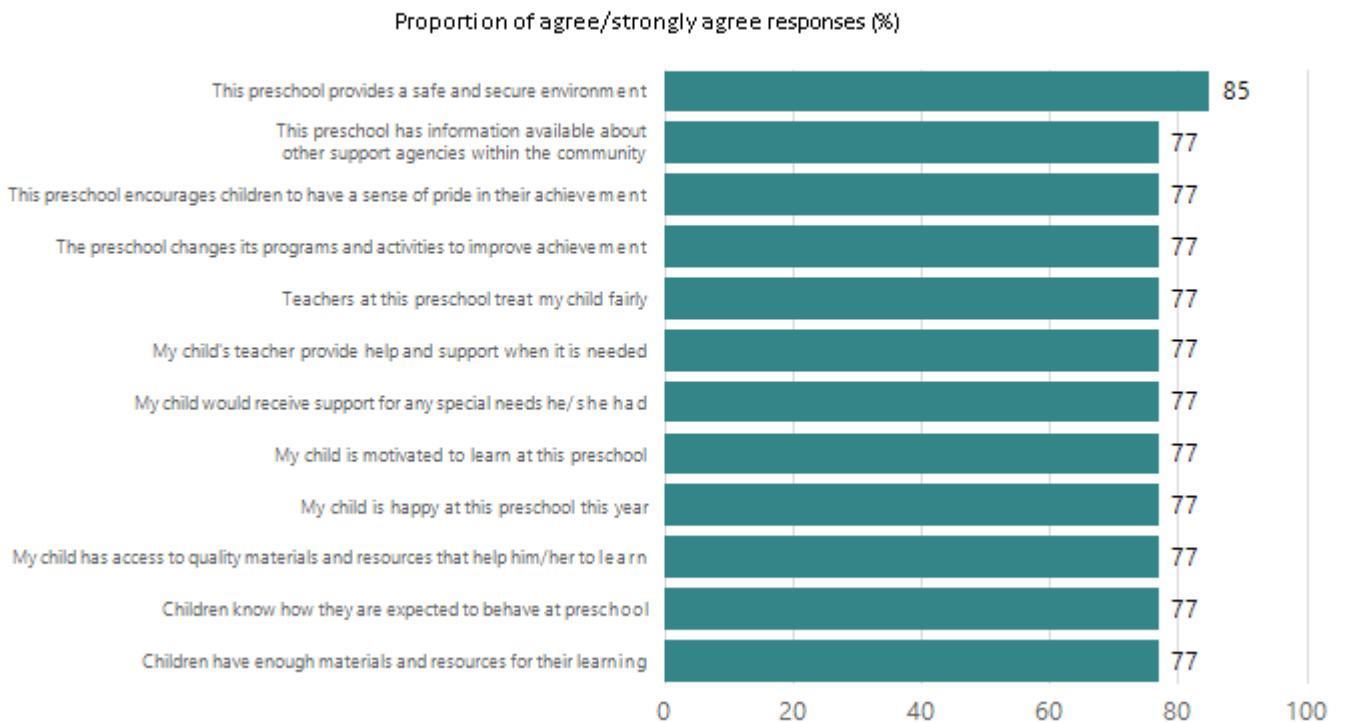
# Preschool Family Opinion Survey

## Quality of Teaching and Learning



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

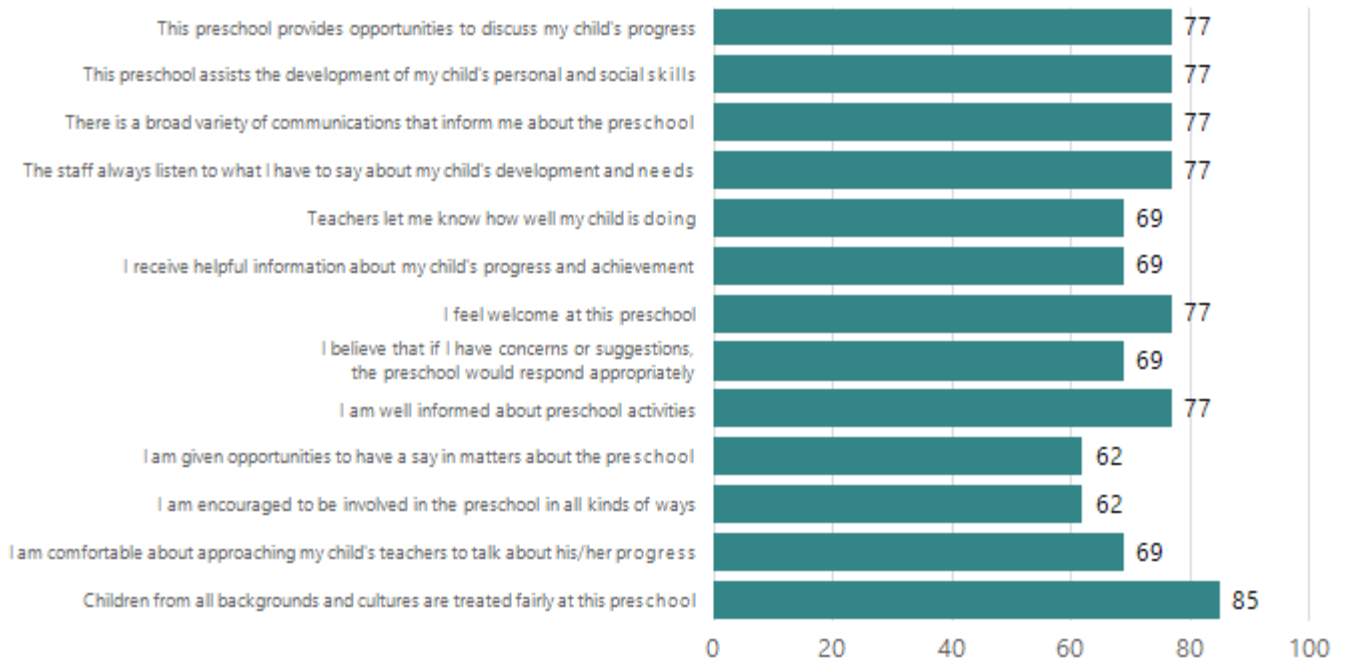
## Support of Learning



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

# Relationships and Communication

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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

# Leadership and Decision Making

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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

# Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
1848 - Golden Grove Primary School	74.1%	77.1%	69.6%
8003 - Heritage College Inc	3.5%		
8454 - Pedare Christian College	8.6%		
9999 - Unknown	12.1%	19.7%	26.6%

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	3

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	1.3
Persons	0.0	3.0	0.0	3.0

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	558725.20
Grants: Commonwealth	0
Parent Contributions	34027.12
Fund Raising	294.85
Other	8152.98

Data Source: School supplied data.