PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number:  4684
Centre name:  Netherby Kindergarten

1. General information

• Preschool Director  Liz Mitchell

• Postal address  PO Box 6049
                Linden Park  5065

• Location address  Bruce Webb Crescent
                    Urrbrae  5064

• DECD Region  Southern Adelaide

• Geographical location  6kms from GPO (km)

• Telephone number  08 83137076

• Fax number  08 83037077

• Preschool website address  www.netherbykgn.sa.edu.au
• Preschool e-mail address  
  kindy.director@netherbykgn.sa.edu.au

• Enrolment/Attendance
  Term 1 2012 enrolment 65
  Term 2 78
  Term 3 71

  Average Enrolment
  2007  60
  2008  70
  2009  64
  2010  64
  2011  61

  Average attendance
  2007  59
  2008  61
  2009  60
  2010  59
  2011  62

• Co-located/stand-alone
  Netherby Kindergarten is a stand alone kindergarten located adjacent to the Waite Campus Children’s Centre, the University of Adelaide Waite Campus child care centre.

• Programs operating at the preschool
   Pre Entry
   Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
   Occasional Care: Unfunded emergency care is available for children enrolled in the preschool program
   Lunch/Full Day Program
   Bilingual Support
   Preschool Support

2. **Key Centre Policies**

   Strategic Direction 1: Improving literacy and learning outcomes

   Strategic Direction 2: Enhancing Learning Environments

   Strategic Direction 3: Improving staff skills in developing children’s learning
3. Curriculum

- **Framework used:**
  Belonging, Being, Becoming, The Early Years Learning Framework
  Respect, Reflect, Relate document is used for Assessing for Learning and Development in the Early Years using Observation Scales.

- **Core Values**
  **Vision:** Our vision is to provide a high quality, play-based program which values children’s prior knowledge and experiences and focuses on their learning and well being, and developing strong partnerships between parents, staff and community.
  
  **Values:** The Netherby Kindergarten community values relationships based on respect, optimism, persistence, learner involvement and partnerships. We value the knowledge and skills the children, parents and staff bring to the kindergarten.

4. Centre Based Staff

- **Staff Profile**
  Director: Liz Mitchell
  Teachers: Lisa Pelgrim, Sarah Harker
  Early Childhood Workers: Nelum Perera, Joo Nee Yeap. Mariana Murphy

- **Performance Management Program**
  DECD Performance Policy is implemented

- **Access to special support staff**
  The Early Childhood Workers are experienced and trained in supporting children with additional needs.

5. Centre Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**
  The Netherby Kindergarten was relocated from Claremont Avenue, Netherby to the current site in 2001. The kindergarten is a modern, spacious purpose built site. The building has been modified to provide quiet areas for small groups as well as staff working areas.
  The outdoor learning area has been extended to provide a large, beautiful area incorporating areas for active play, group activity as well as gardening.
and exploring the natural world. The play area looks out towards the Waite Conservation Reserve. The kindergarten has planted and maintains a Bush Garden adjacent to the kindergarten and this includes 700 local plants, a quiet group area and a frog pond.

- Capacity (per session)  52

- Centre Ownership:  Department for Education and Child Development building located on land leased from the University of Adelaide

- Access for children and staff with disabilities: The building has been designed to enable access for children and adults with disabilities

6. **Local Community**

- The Netherby Kindergarten provides a preschool program for local children, as well as those attending the adjacent Waite Campus Children’s Centre, and the Hawthorn Child Care Centre brings children to the kindergarten by bus.

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool: Parent involvement in the preschool is encouraged. Parents can join the Governing Council, become involved in the preschool program, joins walks and excursions, help at working bees, etc. The staff work with parents to involve them in their child’s learning, and when parents work makes it difficult for them to visit the kindergarten, emails are used to strengthen the communication with parents.

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool: Children from Netherby Kindergarteyen are enrolled at 20 different schools across Adelaide each year. The main feeder schools are Mitcham Primary, Highgate Primary, Glen Osmond Primary, St Joseph’s Kingswood and Mercedes College.

- Local Government:  Mitcham City Council