



Government of South Australia

Department for Education and
Child Development

Welcome to Wilmington Kindergarten...



Wilmington is situated in the aptly named Beautiful Valley in the District Council of Mount Remarkable. It is a small rural town of several hundred people with the main industry being agriculture. Founded in 1970, Wilmington Kindergarten has well maintained facilities, including a newly refurbished kitchen. The indoor environment has a wet area, home corner, and carpeted area. Children also use the large, sheltered verandah for painting, woodwork and construction with large blocks. The centre provides modern computing facilities and a garden-style outdoor play area with sandpit, climbing equipment, play house and car, swings and a vegetable patch. A pepper tree provides shade to the sandpit and eating area. Wilmington Kindergarten is an Asthma Friendly environment.

Wilmington Kindergarten is is staffed by a Director and an Early Childhood Worker. A support worker is employed when children qualify for Preschool Support. Support can be provided for a range of needs including speech, hearing, vision and behaviour. The Kindergarten is overseen by a Governing Council consisting of staff and parents. Governing Council meets twice a term to make decisions about financial and educational matters and to co-ordinate fundraising activities.

STAFF

Director: Mrs Alison Arthur
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Early Childhood Worker: Mrs Lyn Strike
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Support Worker: Mrs Vicki Kauschke

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SESSION TIMES

Tuesdays - 8.45am to 3.15pm
Thursdays - 8.45am to 12.15pm

Wilmington Kindergarten operates under the Rural Policy, offering 10 hours per week over 6 terms.

FEES (Set annually by Governing Council)

Full preschool program:
\$50 per term (10 hours per week)
\$80 for two children from the same family attending together
Pre-Entry program:
\$25 per term (3.5 hours per week)

ELIGIBILITY FOR ENROLMENT

Children are eligible for 6 terms of preschool. A child's final term at kindergarten is the one in which they turn 5. See table below to calculate when you child is eligible for preschool.

CHILD TURNS 5 IN...	CHILD BEGINS PRESCHOOL IN...
Term 1 (i.e. starts school in Term 2)	Term 4
Term 2 (i.e. starts school in Term 3)	Term 1
Term 3 (i.e. starts school in Term 4)	Term 2
Term 4 (i.e. starts school in Term 1)	Term 3

Please contact the centre for help in determining when your child is eligible for preschool.

PRE-ENTRY

Children are eligible for the Pre-Entry program in the term before they begin kindergarten. In their pre-entry term children may attend the Thursday session from 8.45am to 12.15pm.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held at Wilmington Kindergarten each Wednesday between 9.30 and 11.00am. Children from birth to age 5 are welcome to attend Playgroup with their parents or caregivers. The cost is \$2 per family per session.

OTHER SERVICES

- 🚏 Bus travel for children living outside the town
- 📖 Library borrowing
- 🚐 Fortnightly visits to the Flinders Mobile Library
- 👥 Transition program with Wilmington Primary School



WHAT TO BRING TO WILMINGTON KINDERGARTEN:

- ✚ Small schoolbag or backpack containing...
- ✚ Snack (eaten at morning tea time)
- ✚ Lunch (Tuesdays only)
- ✚ Hat
- ✚ Change of clothes
- ✚ Water bottle (optional - fresh water and named drinking cups available)

POLICIES:

New families should be aware of the following policies:

SUN PROTECTION

Children must wear a hat for outside activities during Terms 1 and 4 and when UV Levels are 3 or above.

HEALTHY EATING

Healthy eating is part of our program. A list of suitable foods for your child's lunchbox is included in our food and nutrition policy.

ALLERGY AWARE

Please do not send nuts or foods containing nuts to kindergarten.

A full list of policies is available at the centre.

CURRICULUM:

The Early Years Learning Framework is used to guide programming. The current program is displayed on the notice board and sent to families via the children's communication pockets. Families also receive information about their child's progress through individual student portfolios which are sent home at the end of each term.



Please don't hesitate to contact us if you require further information!