

# KEITHCOT FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

August 2024

**School Name:** Keithcot Farm Primary School  
**School number:** 1847  
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**CPC attached:** No

**Year of opening:** 1990

**FTE Enrolments:**

|                    | 2019 | 2020 | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  |
|--------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Foundation</b>  | 57   | 59   | 57    | 45    | 47    | 54    |
| <b>Year 1</b>      | 63   | 61   | 56    | 56    | 47    | 48    |
| <b>Year 2</b>      | 52   | 53   | 57    | 49    | 48    | 48    |
| <b>Year 3</b>      | 58   | 52   | 59    | 56    | 49    | 47    |
| <b>Year 4</b>      | 60   | 55   | 52    | 56    | 54    | 45    |
| <b>Year 5</b>      | 50   | 57   | 58    | 43    | 52    | 54    |
| <b>Year 6</b>      | 65   | 39   | 38    | 49    | 37    | 44    |
| <b>Year 7</b>      | 41   | 52   | 40    | -     | -     | -     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | 448  | 426  | 417   | 354   | 334   | 340   |
| <b>School Card</b> |      |      | 24%   | 26%   | 27%   | 18%   |
| <b>NESB</b>        |      |      | 13%   | 15%   | 15%   | 17%   |
| <b>SWD</b>         |      |      | 18%   | 16%   | 17%   | 19%   |
| <b>ATSI</b>        |      |      | 1.88% | 2.54% | 3.20% | 3.82% |

### Leadership Structure:

**Principal:** Derek Gallamore  
**Assistant Principal:** Jaye Turnbull  
**Assistant Principal:** Travis Braithwaite

Staff numbers: 3 leadership, 23 teaching staff, 17 School Support Officers, 2 grounds people and 1 ICT support person.



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Keithcot Farm School is co-located with Kings Baptist School and the Keithcot Farm Children's Centre. Some of the facilities are shared by the three campuses. The whole campus is known as the Wynn Vale West Campus.

Keithcot Kings OSHC and Vacation Care services operate on site. Our OSHC program commences before school at 7:00am and after school hour's care finishes at 6:00pm. It is available Monday to Friday. Vacation Care is also available through the holiday periods.

School Values: We teach our students to become Respectful, Collaborative and Powerful Learners. Keithcot Kids are also taught how to be kind which supports our slogan "Keithcot Kids are Kind".

Public Transport: The school is on the 545 bus route which connects with the O-Bahn

Location: Keithcot Farm School is a government primary school located 16 kms from the city centre of Adelaide. It was established in 1990 as a part of the Golden Grove Housing Development in the North Eastern suburbs and foothills of Adelaide.

Enrolments: Enrolments are around the 340 mark. The school is zoned. This means that children within the zone have a priority right to attend the school. Children from outside of the zone are able to attend if there is space available. Families are advised to make contact with the school early if they are seeking enrolment in the school. Currently the school has 14 classes.

School Facilities: School facilities are well maintained. The grounds have been extensively redeveloped and this will be an ongoing process for a number of years. Our aim is to create a pleasant and interesting learning environment for all of the school community.

- 18 Class Spaces
- 1 all-purpose hall built 2008
- 1 shared library facility redeveloped in 2011
- 1 administration building
- Specialist Japanese Room
- Specialist technology learning space
- Specialist Arts Centre
- 1 shared oval
- Extensive grounds and outdoor facilities including a new Outdoor Learning Centre built in 2022

Technical Support, Uniform provision and Canteen are outsourced services.

Car parking: Car parking on the school grounds is limited to school staff. Parking around the school can be very limited at drop off and pick up times each day.



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**School Learning Program:** The Australian Curriculum subjects are taught. The school offers a wide range of activities which enhance the classroom programs. These include special days, visiting specialists, instrumental music, excursions, camps, performance groups and competitions.

## **Specialist Learning Areas:**

**Performing Arts:** The school has an extensive program which includes aspects of drama, music and dance. All students are involved in this program each week. Students also have access to our instrumental music program. Our senior students participate in the Festival of Music.

**Physical Education:** All students have specialist PE lessons each week as well as their classroom physical education lessons. We are also heavily involved in School Sport SA inter-school competitions in swimming, football, soccer, netball, athletics, tennis, and a number of other sports.

**Japanese:** Japanese is the language other than English taught at Keithcot Farm Primary School. All students have two lessons per week provided by one specialist teacher.

**HASS:** All students receive one lesson a week in HASS in 2024. This is taught by a specialist teacher.

## **Further Information:**

**Assessment Procedures and Reporting:** Our Assessment, Recording and Reporting policy reflects current DfE policy. All students have Individual Reports which are shared with parents in terms 2 and 4. Learning Conferences are offered in term 1 with optional conferences offered in term 3. All teaching staff use formative assessment to monitor student learning to provide ongoing feedback that can be used by teachers to improve their teaching and by students to improve their learning.

**Play is The Way:** Learning program which teaches students to be organised, resilient, persistent, co-operative and a range of other skills. All students engage with this program weekly through their learning program.

**Zones of Regulation:** This is a self-regulation program which is implemented in our school. This enables staff, parents and students to develop and use a consistent language and tools to support regulation.

**Technology:** We currently we have interactive televisions available in every teaching and learning space across the school. We have multiple class sets of Chrome Books and iPads plus free standing computers in classrooms, allowing students access to a variety of technology. Continual development of our technology is a focus.

**Communication:** The school uses emails, the Class Dojo app, Facebook and newsletters to keep our school community informed. Class and Specialist teachers use class Dojo for communication and to share learning.



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Special Needs and Students with Disabilities: We have students with special curriculum needs ranging from a disability to a learning difficulty, and students who require extra support in social and language areas. Programs and support for these students are managed by the school Leadership Team in consultation with our Special educator. Support and programs are tailored for individual students through a variety of programs to ensure that we are inclusive in all that we do.

Parent Involvement: Many parents are very involved in the life of the school community and the learning programs of students. They can operate at a classroom support level or assist with school wide programs and activities. Parents are encouraged to be involved. We also have a Community Liaison Officer to support parent involvement. Our committees, including our active Fundraising Committee, depend on volunteers.

Governing Council: The Governing Council of the school meets twice each term. We actively encourage parents to have a voice in our school and welcome new members.

Student Voice: We encourage Student Agency, including Voice to ensure that students play an active role in school decision making. This is in line with the Strategy for Public Education and includes:

- Classroom formative assessment
- Student goal setting
- Students having control of their own learning
- Student audits
- Student surveys

Student input and involvement is greatly valued in our school.

Transition: Significant transition programs are in place for students starting school as we work closely with Keithcot Farm Children's Centre. Transition programs for student moving to year 7 are negotiated with individual schools. Most of our students go to Golden Grove High School therefore a particularly strong program exists.

**Keithcot Farm Primary School offers quality teaching and learning in a safe, supportive environment in partnership with our school community.**

