WILLOW CLOSE PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

- Willow Close is situated in the southern sector of the rapidly expanding town of Mount Barker in the Adelaide Hills. The families are from varied socio economic backgrounds. There are a high proportion of children with additional needs, an Inclusive Pre-School Program, Playgroup, flexible Sessions including full days and half days. There is close liaison with the local child care centres.

- Willow Close has 86 four year old children enrolled and attending up to 15 hours per week.

- The Inclusive Preschool Program (IPP) supports children with disabilities and high support needs to optimise their learning outcomes within a localized preschool setting. Currently there are 5 children attending the program.

- 12 children in mainstream receive preschool support from dedicated pre school support workers.

- Approximately 30 families attend our playgroup coordinated by Tanya Secomb who plans and implements a stimulating programme each week.

- The kindergarten has a staffing allocation of 1.0 Director, 1.0 Teacher 1.5 ECW in mainstream and 0.5 teacher, 0.5 Preschool support worker in IPP. Extra hours are allocated for preschool support.

- Our supportive and enthusiastic Governing council consists of 11 members.