

Excerpt from the ‘*Amalgamating, closing, opening and naming preschools and schools procedure*’

Suitable name criteria

Any of the following selection criteria have been approved as the basis for choosing a suitable name:

- the official suburb, township or locality name (with a directional indicator if there’s more than 1 preschool or school of the same area) with the appropriate category (preferred option)
- the name of the road on which the preschool or school is located
- names of places with historical connections with the area serviced by the preschool or school (such as early homestead names), unless there’s a conflict with an existing suburb, township or locality name or another place with the same name
- names honouring relevant South Australian citizens (which must include both the given and surname of the person). If a preschool or school will be named after a person, a direct relationship between the preschool or school and that person must be demonstrated (for example ethos or geographical location). Evidence that direct descendants were consulted and support the naming proposal also needs to be provided
- the Aboriginal name of a local geographical feature or a word or words that reflects a theme that’s related to the educational outcomes or cultural focus of the preschool or school. Aboriginal names must comprise words used by the language group that inhabited the area where the preschool or school is located and be endorsed by the appropriate language group custodian. Evidence that the proposed Aboriginal name has been endorsed needs to be provided. For further information on Indigenous naming please refer to the Office of the Surveyor-General resources.

Unacceptable names

The following selection criteria are not acceptable for name choices:

- official suburb, township or locality names as recorded in the State Gazetteer if the preschool or school is not located within that suburb, township or locality
- people still living or who have deceased less than 1 year before the naming application is received
- developers' subdivisions that have not been recognised as an official suburb.