

Sustainability Policy

The Sustainability Policy is formal recognition of the sustainability practices and programs that operate at the Centre. It provides certainty that the focus will continue by embedding sustainability within the daily program and centre practices. Through this we can support children to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment (NQF 3.3.2)

As part of the Clovelly Child Care Centre's environmental commitment we will endeavour to:

- Practice water conservation initiatives;
- Promote energy efficiency;
- Reduce waste;
- Procure sustainable products for the centre;
- Increase biodiversity in the centre gardens and
- Encourage, inspire and support community practice in sustainability initiatives.

We believe environmental education links to all aspects of our life and therefore our learning. It is not a curriculum 'add-on' but underpins one of our core beliefs which are practised in all rooms and enables the delivery of our vision of "a happy, safe and sustainable place."

1. Energy

To monitor and reduce energy consumption so that we lessen our costs associated with wasting energy;

To educate children, staff and the whole community about best practice

To maintain records of energy consumption.

To purchase additional energy from 100% renewable sources

To monitor and report to the Centre community the amount of energy generated. If possible we will investigate opportunities to increase our use of solar generation or other ways of sustainably creating our own energy.

2. Waste

To continue the development of waste awareness within the whole Centre community

To provide and maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing learning environment through the reduction of waste

To practice reduce, reuse and recycle and to incorporate these practices into the daily routine

To reduce the cost of waste management.

3. Biodiversity To improve our outdoor natural environment by planting trees which encourages and promotes local wildlife and biodiversity.

4. Water

To use water in a sustainable way, recognising that it is a precious resource

To educate the Centre community about ways to reduce water usage both indoors and outdoors

To ensure our water storage tanks are functional and their use is maximised.

To ensure collected water will be used for toilets, laundry and gardens 34

5. Education

To celebrate the natural environment and encourage not just the Centre community, but the wider community, to appreciate the natural world we live in.

To support the families, staff and wider community to adopt sustainable choices

To encourage children to be aware of their environment and participate as responsible citizens in its future

To continue to foster educational opportunities through the provision of practical sustainability measures such as worm farming, growing vegetables, water tanks, cloth nappies

6. Responsibilities

All educators and families at will be informed of and be responsible for implementing the above programs. The Sustainability Committee, together with the Director, will be responsible for keeping records and reporting on the outcomes and progress of each program to the Centre community.