



## Sustainability Policy

### Aim

CSIROCare is dedicated to implementing, encouraging and increasing awareness of sustainable practises at all times.

### Rationale

We will endeavour to teach all children the importance of sustainable practice through developmentally appropriate educational experiences and role modelling behaviour. CSIROCare provides all families and staff members with up to date relevant information and ideas about sustainable practices

### Body

All educators and staff members at CSIROCare will implement the following strategies to ensure we provide an environmentally friendly centre:

1. Each playroom has a recycling bin, landfill bin and Playrooms 1-4 have a nappy bin. We all use the appropriate bins to dispose of our waste accordingly and educate the children about this practice when developmentally appropriate.
2. We practice energy conservation where possible. Educators turn off lights, heaters and power points when they are not in use.
3. We endeavour to purchase sustainable equipment including the following:
  - Products that are energy and water efficient with high ratings.
  - Products that are made from wooden and natural products.
  - Recycled and used equipment and toys where possible.
  - Recycled clothes for spare clothes.
4. Water conservation is used throughout the centre in a variety of ways, such as:
  - Playroom 4 collects the excess water from the taps in small buckets and distributes it on the garden and vegetable patch.
  - For water play experiences we endeavour to collect rain water or left over drink bottle water to fill our troughs, when possible. The water is then poured onto our garden areas.
  - We always ensure that taps are turned off and closely monitor the children's usage and are mindful of our own usage.
  - Leaking taps are reported to the indoor checks monitor and are fixed as soon as possible by CBIS (CSIRO Business and Infrastructure Services).
  - We only run washing machines and dish washers when they are full and are mindful of the water level.
  - Children's left over drink bottle water is poured onto the garden areas at the end of each evening.

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- All of the above mentioned strategies are used to educate the children about saving water and demonstrate that water is precious and should be used sparingly.
- 5. We have our own vegetable patch and compost heap, where playrooms 3, 4 and 5 place all organic matter and then re-use it to nourish the soil.
- 6. We use recycled material for children's play and art work, which promotes children's understanding and awareness of reuse, reduce and recycling. We also encourage families to our recycling collection.
- 7. We are a member of recycling services – "Rivers Art Track".
- 8. We have a designated sustainability officer who oversees all sustainability issues and works alongside the Director to educate the staff about sustainable practices and strategies.
- 9. At least one educator will attend sustainability training annually.
- 10. We celebrate National Tree Day, Earth Hour, World Environment Day and Clean Up Australia Day.
- 11. We seek government and organisational grants to further develop our sustainable practices annually.