

Cambrai Preschool & Occasional Care

Sustainability Policy

Cambrai Preschool & Occasional Care takes an active role in caring for the environment, and promoting and contributing to a sustainable future. Our aim is for Cambrai Preschool & Occasional Care to be a place where environmental education is embedded into our daily routines and programmes.

National Quality Standard 3.3

Cambrai Preschool & Occasional Care will encourage and increase awareness of environmental responsibilities and implement practices that contribute to a sustainable future ensuring that children can develop positive attitudes & be supported to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the natural environment. Also to become aware of the interdependence between people, plants, animals and the land. Educators and children will work together to show respect, care and appreciation for the natural environment.

Strategies for Policy Implementation

Children:

- Will be encouraged to be involved in sustainable practices as much as possible
- Will be prompted to question (e.g. where do uneaten scraps go?)
- Will be introduced to concepts of drought, water conservation, caring for animals/plants, gardening, recycling etc

Families:

- Will be encouraged to donate material that can be reused such as boxes for making, paper for drawing and plastic containers for water tasks
- Will be invited to join the children in planting trees

Educators/staff:

- Will inform families of sustainable practices at the site in the newsletter, Development Folder, etc.
- Will include recycling as a part of their everyday practice on site
- Will role model sustainable practices and responsible recycling
- Will maintain a vegetable patch
- Will incorporate natural and/or recycled materials into children's learning and activities
- Will use available resources and teaching aids to communicate environmental messages for children
- Will utilise outdoor environments and the efficient use of natural resources
- Will programme: linking garden to cooking to eating (from seed to table), caring for animals, life cycles

Reference:

Environmental education in early Childhood: www.eeec.org.au

Australian Association for Environmental Education: www.aaee.org.au

Our service, Cambrai Preschool & Occasional Care will review the Sustainability Policy every 2 years so as to incorporate current advice from recognised authorities

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