

Our Sustainability Focus

Hallett Cove Preschool is a member of AuSSI S.A. (Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative South Australia). Through this initiative preschools & schools are supported to incorporate Education for Sustainability (EfS) into their learning & management practices.

At Hallett Cove Preschool children, staff & parents have placed environmental education & practice as a focal part of our program and it is incorporated into our everyday practices.

Hallett Cove Preschool is an Ecologically Sustainable Site "Storing and Using Sunshine & Rain"

- Rain water is collected and saved in a 22,000 litre tank. This water is pumped by a solar water pump and is used for watering the gardens and lawns, for the care of the animals and for use in the outdoor play areas.
- Power generated by the 24 solar panels on the roof is used to provide electricity for the centre and remaining power is fed back into the grid.
- Our hot water system is solar powered.
- A solar powered weather station provides opportunities for our children to observe weather conditions on a daily basis.

Waste Management

Reducing, Reusing, Recycling

- Many of our activities involve the use of materials that are left over or can be reused eg. Boxes from home for collage, drawing on both sides of paper or using faxes and photocopied paper where appropriate, reusing envelopes etc.
- Newsletters, notices etc. are printed on both sides of recycled paper.
- All paper, cardboard, recyclable plastic and other appropriate materials are recycled. Our children learn to identify recycling symbols and to sort waste appropriately.
- Our food scraps are fed to our ducks and chickens or put in the Bokashi or compost bin.
- **Children take home all food wrappings to reduce our rubbish** and families are encouraged to consider ways to package food to minimise waste.

- The centre has 2 Aerobins for composting extra food scraps, garden waste and waste from the hens and ducks. Parents are invited to add their food scraps from home and compost from both bin systems is then used to enrich our soil.
- Cans & bottles can be collected in our special bin (with the see through window)
- Newspapers from home can be placed in the recycle bins (former Money Tree Bins) for use at the preschool.

Ducks and Hens

- We have 2 ducks about 11 hens at our centre.
- Children and their families collect the eggs, feed the poultry and care for them on weekends and during holidays.
- Each year chickens are hatched at the preschool in an incubator.