



**Kirton Point**  
**Children's Centre**  
for Early Childhood  
Development and Parenting

### **Environmental Education and Sustainability**

At KPCC families are able to actively participate in learning about our environment and sustainable practices. These practices are embedded in programs across the Centre and include:

#### **Vegetable Garden**

Our vegetable garden is an integral part of daily activities. Vegetables, herbs and other edible foods are grown in our outdoor learning environment. The children help to plant, care for and harvest the produce for our cooking activities. Whilst being involved in the garden the children are learning about healthy food choices, growing fresh produce and developing knowledge about environmentally sustainable practices.

#### **Natural Outdoor Learning Area**

We actively encourage, and focus on, play in the natural outdoor learning environment where the children are able to participate in challenging activities and sensory play with natural materials. Children are provided with opportunities to care for their environment.

#### **Recycling**

Recycling of materials and use of recycled material is included in our programs as much as possible e.g. use of recycled materials in construction and collage activities for children, in building structures and activities in our outdoor environment.

#### **Composting**

Composting is undertaken each day. Food scraps and garden waste are collected, composted and then used on the garden in the Centre.

#### **Collection of rain water**

Rain water is collected at the Centre in tanks and used to water the garden and for the children to use in play activities. Discussions with children involve the responsible use of rain water during play, and children are able to learn about the water cycle and its impact on our environment.

#### **Solar energy**

Solar panels are installed at the Centre and the solar energy collected is used to partly power the building.

#### **Social**

Sustainable practises includes how we live and work together as a community.