



Sustainability Strategy

Purpose: Penneshaw Kindergarten aims to develop positive life-long attitudes and values towards respecting and caring for the environment. Educators, children, families and the community will work together to learn about and promote the sustainable use of resources and to develop and implement sustainable practices.

The Penneshaw Kindergarten will:

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:

- Request and use donated items from the community such as boxes, magazine, craft materials, etc
- Encourage children to wash and reuse containers from their lunchboxes
- Consider sourcing resources from Op shops, school, library or the toy library rather than new purchases
- Consider 'greener' options when ordering supplies
- Encourage families to pack 'Nude Food' through induction information
- Use colour coded rubbish bins of different sizes to encourage children to recycle and generate small amounts of rubbish
- Reuse food scraps to feed the chickens and the compost bin
- Use natural and recycled materials in both the indoor and outdoor play areas
- Recycle toner cartridges

Conserve Water and Energy

- Discuss and model water saving practices when hand washing and flushing the toilets
- Use rainwater for the garden and water play where possible.
- Encourage children to reuse the creek water and water used for play on the plants
- Plant native plants where possible
- Model and engage children in discussion to switch off lights and energy using equipment

Develop a Respect for Nature

- Assist children to contribute to the care of the natural environment through gardening, weeding, raking and composting leaves and feeding the chickens.
- Model and talk with the children about respecting, observing and releasing living creatures.

Included Sustainability learning in the Curriculum

- Early Years Learning Framework Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world guides Educators in promoting children's social responsibility and respect for the environment
- Educators look for ways to promote sustainability and children's respect for the environment on a daily basis
- The Kindergarten will participate in events and invite guest speakers to support the sustainability curriculum.
- Document children's learning and engagement with sustainable practice in each child's Sharing Books.