**Localised Procedure**

**Environmental Sustainability**

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| **Education and care services regulation/s** | **NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines** | **National Quality****Standard(s)** | **Preschool Guide reference** | **School policy or procedure, where applicable** |
| Schedule 1 |  | **3.2.3: Environmentally responsible**The service cares for the environment and supports children to become environmentally responsible.**6.1.2: Parent views are respected**The expertise, culture, values and beliefs of families are respected and families share in decision-making about their child’s learning and wellbeing |  |  |
| *Resources:** Guide to the National Quality Standard (3) ACECQA (2011)
* Environment Protection & biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
* Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act 2006
* NSW Department of Environment and Heritage
* Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
* Early Childhood Environmental Education Network
* Community Child Care Co-operative (NSW)
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| At Little Jarjums Preschool we aim to provide awareness and encourage environmental responsibilities in our service practices. These practices need to be environmentally friendly involving our staff, children and families creating a successful unity.**Our Aim:** * Little Jarjums Preschool will ensure a safe, well maintained and clean service
* Little Jarjums Preschool will enrich children’s experiences through interactions with their natural environment
* Little Jarjums Preschool will encourage sustainable practices within the centre, encouraging staff, children and families to work towards a “green” environment and community
* Little jarjums Preschool staff will encourage children to learn and also explain nature’s life cycle.

**Implementation**: * Staff will make sustainable practices a part of their daily routines. These practices are as follows:
	+ Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
	+ Gardening
	+ Water Conservation
	+ Energy Conservation
	+ Waste Management
	+ Sustainable Equipment Purchases
* Staff will be encouraged to discuss sustainable practices with the children as part of the Little Jarjums Preschool curriculum framework.
* Staff will include recycling as part of the everyday practices at Little Jarjums Preschool.
* Recycling bins will provide storage encouraging staff to role model sustainable practices.
* The staff will use Little Jarjums Preschool Environmental Sustainability Procedure provided containers in their centre to reduce food waste.
* Children will be encouraged to place their food scraps into the containers for the chickens.
* The staff will discuss with the children and families what chickens can eat and what foods can be used to compost.
* Staff will role-model water and energy conservation practices, turning off lights, air-conditioners and computers when a room is not in use.
* Collect rain water to fill water buckets and watering cans containers as well as empty unused water into the gardens.
* The staff will use government and local council departments as sources of information on sustainable practices used within the local community.
* The staff will liaise with the government and council departments for possible grants available to put in place energy and water conservation practices at Little Jarjums Preschool.
* Little Jarjums Preschool will aim to purchase equipment that is eco-friendly where ever possible.
* Little Jarjums Preschool will reduce the amount of plastic and disposable equipment they purchase and select materials that are made of natural materials and fibres.
* The staff and families will be encouraged to think about the services practices and how the preschool can become more sustainable.
* Little Jarjums Preschool’s program will encourage both staff and children to engage in sustainable practices, learning to care and protect our planet for future generation to come.

**Evaluation:** * At Little Jarjums Preschool we will embrace our environment and sustainable practices.
* We will make ecofriendly and green cleaning choices.
* Together staff, children, families and the community will embrace our environmentally friendly practices learning together to help and protect our planet.
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