**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) | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |