

# Soldiers' Settlement Public School Preschool

## Environment and Sustainability Philosophy



*If you are thinking a year ahead, plant a seed.  
If you are thinking a decade ahead, plant a tree.  
If you are thinking a century ahead, educate the people.*  
(Chinese Proverb)

**Review:** Management and staff will monitor and review the effectiveness of this policy at regular intervals throughout the year. Soldiers' Settlement Public School Preschool's Procedures must be reviewed and updated every 12 months. This policy is due for **review in February 2022.**

Early Years Learning Framework Principle	National Quality Standards:
<b>Outcome 2</b> – Children are connected to their world	3.3.1 3.3.2
<b>Outcome 3</b> – Children have a strong sense of well-being	6.1.2

### Rationale

Soldiers' Settlement Public School Preschool is committed to encouraging and increasing the awareness of sustainable practices and respect for the environment, through engagement in sustainable practices. Children, families and educators will be supported to be environmentally responsible within the preschool environment and encouraged to extend these practices outside of the service.

### Strategies

#### Educators will;

- model sustainable and environmentally responsible practices
- embed practices in the daily preschool routine
- involve children in decision making processes and discussions about practices
- keep families informed about sustainable practices being explored within the service
- discuss sustainable practices with families and children as part of the preschool curriculum
- reflect on sustainable practices during staff meetings
- support children in developing vegetable gardens and developing an understanding of lifecycles
- collaborate with the local council to discuss sustainability and the environment, as well as engage in incursions and excursions to support sustainable practices.

#### Children will;

- engage in environmental projects with staff and specialist visitors/staff
- participate in sustainable practices, such as using water from the rainwater tank, recycling and composting
- assist in maintaining the compost bin and worm farm
- engage in environment projects with school staff/specialist visitors

#### Families will be;

- invited to share sustainable practices used in the home and suggest ideas for implementation at preschool
- supported to reduce waste in lunchboxes
- invited to contribute recyclable materials for craft (boxes, tin cans etc)
- provided with information regarding sustainable practices
- kept informed about sustainable practices and projects being undertaken at the preschool