



Guliyali Preschool Procedure

Environmental Sustainability Procedure



Current	27/03/2019
Next Review	27/03/2020
Regulation(s)	Schedule 1
National Quality Standard(s)	3.3.1: Sustainable practices are embedded in the service operations. 3.3.2: Children are supported to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment. 6.1.2: Families have opportunities to be involved in the service and contribute to service decisions.
Key Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 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 – www.environment.nsw.gov.au➤ Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities➤ Early Childhood Environmental Education Network – www.eceen.org.au➤ Community Child Care Co-operative (NSW)

At Guliyali Preschool our aim is to provide children with knowledge, skills and attitudes to assist them to become environmentally responsible. Participating in environmentally sustainable activities will encourage the development of the children's sense of responsibility and empowerment. These practices in our service will need to involve our staff, children and families as this will provide opportunities for children to connect with and to embrace the natural world in all parts of their lives.

OUR AIM:

- Guliyali Preschool will ensure a safe, well maintained and clean service.
- Guliyali Preschool will enrich children's experiences through interactions with their natural environment.
- Guliyali Preschool will encourage sustainable practices within the centre, encouraging staff, children and families to work towards a "green" environment and community.
- Guliyali Preschool will provide a setting that includes a variety of flora and fauna both indoors and outdoors. This includes introducing pets to the environment and involving children in their care, planting and caring for indoor and outdoor plants or observing plants and animals that occur naturally in the services environment.
- Guliyali Preschool will use recycled and homemade equipment as well as manufactured resources. Such as recycled bottles, sand scoops, using old pots and pans in dramatic play areas.
- Guliyali Preschool staff will encourage children to learn and also explain nature's life cycle
- Guliyali Preschool staff will engage the services of Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre to keep up to date on practices and ideas for sustainability in Educational settings.

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
- Maintain Worm Farm/Compost Bin
- Provide a chicken coop

At Guliyali Preschool we will adopt an environmental perspective in our planning for the children. This will involve translating the knowledge staff and families possess of children's development and environmental education into challenging and appropriate learning opportunities. Some ways that the children and their families will be introduced to environmentally sustainable practice include:

- engaging the children in one to one and small group discussions about sustainable practices
- providing an indoor and outdoor setting that includes a variety of flora and fauna
- using natural materials to set up play areas
- using recycled and homemade equipment as well as manufactured resources
- introducing activities such as natural 'treasure hunts' or 'nature walks'
- using natural materials within other aspects of the program
- involving the children in research about environmental issues through the radio, television, internet and newspaper reports
- involving families in the development and review of the service philosophy and procedures
- displaying information that outlines our service policies and practices
- using the school newsletter, Preschool website, Preschool StoryPark and school facebook page to inform families of current environmental issues and related activities at our service
- inviting families to participate in tree planting projects or 'nature walks' in the local area
- include recycling as part of the everyday practices; recycling bins, compost bin (worm farm) and chicken coop
- providing information to families on sustainable practices that are implemented at the preschool and encourage the application of these practices in the home environment

EVALUATION:

At Guliyali Preschool we will embrace our environment and sustainable practices. We will make eco-friendly 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.