



## Environmental Sustainability Procedure

### **Purpose and Scope:**

Curtin Primary is committed to fostering an awareness of, and sensitivity to, our environment in children, families and staff. We aim to create patterns of behaviour at the preschool which support environmentally friendly and sustainable practices for now and for the future.

### **Procedures to Support Environmental Sustainability**

- Responsible recycling
  - Minimising waste production going to landfill and increase the percentage of material that is re-used and recycled through the use of specific recycling bins
  - Encouraging children to participate in all activities and strategies to assist with litter reduction, water, paper and energy conservation
- Conserving Water
  - Minimising the consumption of mains water at the preschool and to use other sources such as rainwater tank to assist in this reduction
  - Ensure water used in play experiences is redirected to garden beds or grass areas rather than treating as waste
  - Share with children the need for limiting the number of buckets of water to be added to the sand play or water troughs in any one play session
- Conserve Energy
  - Decreasing the amount of energy the preschool uses through greater efficiency and better practices, and to maximise the use of energy from carbon neutral sources (doors, blinds, clothing)
  - Turning off lights when going outside or on excursions
- Efficient Use of Natural Resources
  - Increasing the use of resources collected from the natural environment
  - Honouring the creature or living organism that provided the resources used in such play
- Native Plants
  - Increasing the biodiversity of the preschool by planting native species where possible and increasing the habitat area for local wildlife
  - Including indigenous knowledge and understanding related to native plants and care of country
  - Incorporate care of country in preschool outdoor learning environment
- Vegetable gardens
  - Use seasonal plantings to increase understanding related to vegetable growing and responsible water usage
  - Use the produce of the preschool gardens in cooking and food tasting activities

### **Procedures to embed Sustainable Practices in the Program and the Community**

- Consulting and working collaboratively with families, recognising cultural practices and lifestyle choices

- Educating families and the community about sustainable practices through the provision of information, role-modelling and discussions/consultation while acknowledging the diversity of families
- Providing children with opportunities to learn about our environment and incorporate sustainable practices
- Providing a safe, supportive and social environment in which the children can enjoy sustainable practices
- Supporting this procedure when organising excursions and preschool events
- Encouraging children to become more environmentally aware and actively involved in sustainable activities.