Environmental Statement

1. Policy Statement

The education and care service will define areas of the environment through individual policies. These policies will incorporate practices that are achievable in the service. These practices will aim to provide a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable environment for educators, children and families.

2. Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 Schedule 1
Guide to the National Quality Standard (3) ACECQA (2011)
Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act 2006

3. Who is affected by this policy?

a) Children
b) Staff
c) Parents
d) Management

4. Implementation

The education and care service will:

A. Reduce waste, incorporate Green Cleaning ideas, and create an eco-friendly environment.
B. Endeavour to equip the service with and implement water-saving strategies, green cleaning and recycling. Where applicable, grants will be applied to aid in the implementation of these effective environmental strategies.
C. The education and care service defines the aims of this statement through specific environment policies. These are:
   a) Animals in the Environment
   b) The Indoor and Outdoor Environment
   c) Cleaning and Maintaining the Environment
   d) Smoke Free Environment
   e) Safe Storage of Dangerous Goods
   f) Environmental Sustainability
   D. These individual policies will guide practices within the education and care service.
   E. Educators will keep up-to-date with the latest research on environmental education through journals, resource agencies and professional development. This information will be shared with families and children.

The Licensee/Director/Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.

5. Sources

- Kidsafe NSW Inc – www.kidsafensw.org.au
- Early Childhood Australia – www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au
- Early Childhood Environmental Education Network – www.eceen.org.au
- Gosford and Wyong Council (2007), Climbing the little green steps: How to promote sustainability in early childhood services in your local area. Gosford, Australia.
- Community Child Care Co-operative (NSW).

6. Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

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