



## Our Commitment to Education for Sustainability

Our preschool has a strong commitment to the environment and education for sustainability. The aim of our education for sustainability focus is to promote a sense of responsibility, respect, empowerment, active participation, enquiry and social change to make a positive difference. Not just now, but also for future generations. Our education for sustainability focuses on our shared Aboriginal history of connections with the land and reconciliation; biodiversity - nature connections, gardens and animals; environmental health - eliminating chemicals and pesticides; slow food - growing our own food, respecting the natural rhythms of seasons and food traditions; resources - responsible use of water and energy, waste minimisation and the sharing of resources; and living in peace with each other and nature.

Early childhood is a great time to involve children in education for sustainability and develop lifelong practices to ensure the respect and protection of each other and our planet. We believe a sense of wonder, belonging to and love of the natural environment, living things and animals is critical for young children to develop lifelong respectful, positive and proactive attitudes towards protecting our environment, caring for all living creatures and creating a sustainable environment. At our centre every child is actively involved in sustainable practices every day including growing food for our Foody Friday Tasting Program, caring for our chickens, recycling our soft plastics and composting our food scraps. Education for sustainability has strengthened our relationships with the children, families and community. We hope your family will become as involved in caring for our planet as your children.

