

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

AUTHORISATION

POLICY TYPE: <i>(Council or Operational)</i>	Operational
POLICY LOCATION: <i>(eg. Corporate, Engineering, etc.)</i>	Community Services
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: <i>(by position title)</i>	Children Services Coordinator
AUTHORISED BY: <i>(GM or Director Title)</i>	Director Corporate and Community Services
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ADOPTED BY: <i>(Manex or Council)</i>	Manex
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REVISION NUMBER:	

DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENTS <i>Include names of former policies that this policy will replace if applicable</i>	AMENDED BY <i>(Where required)</i>

REVIEW OF THIS POLICY

This Policy will be reviewed within two (2) years from the date of adoption or as required in the event of legislative changes. The Policy may also be changed as a result of other amendment that are to the advantage that Council and in the spirit of this Policy. Any amendment to the Policy must be by way of a Council Resolution for all policies categorised as "Council" policies or the approval of the General Manager for all policies categorised as "Operational" policies.

1. Purpose:

To promote children's awareness of the environment through daily practices, resources and interactions.

2. Scope:

This policy document applies to all staff and Educators of the Bland Shire Council Children Services Unit and Bland Temora Family Day Care, along with children and families enrolled with Bland Shire Council Children Services Unit.

3. Outcomes:

Bland Shire Children Services Unit believes as an Education and Care community, we can encourage and increase awareness of environmental responsibilities and implement practices that contribute to a sustainable future. Children can be supported to become environmentally responsible and show respect for the environment.

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Encourage Educators, families and children to engage in innovative practices and appreciate the natural world, whilst protecting the planet for future generations.
- Encourage Educators to make sustainable practices a part of the daily routine. Including;
 - Recycling
 - Gardening
 - Energy conservation
 - Water conservation
 - Sustainable equipment purchases
- Encourage Educators where applicable, to use natural cleaning products to minimise impacts to the environment.

Educators will:

- Include recycling as part of everyday practice at the service.
- Role model sustainable practices.
- Embed sustainable practices with the children and families.
- Share ideas between Educators, children and families about sustainable ideas, implementation and resources.
- Role model energy and water conservation practices.
- Seek to maintain sustainable practices in the service, with the concept of 'reduce, re-use and recycle'.

5. Legislation and Supporting Documents:

Guide to the National Quality Framework 2018
Belonging, Being and Becoming: The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia.
My Time, Our Place – The Framework for School Age Care in Australia

6. Relationship to Community Strategic Plan:

This Policy supports Council's Delivery Program Strategy DP4.2 Provide quality, accredited and affordable Education and Care Services within Bland Shire and surrounds (Bland Preschool, Family Day Care, Mobile Resource Unit, Vacation Care and Toy Library services)

7. Attachments:

N/A