Discovering Energy and climate change

Learn about the concept of 'Energy', the different forms and energy transformations and how these can be introduced through play at your centre.
Explore electricity, how we can conserve it and ways in which we can minimise our carbon footprint. Understand the theory of climate change and what you can do at your centre!

Teeming with Biodiversity – exploring your yard as a habitat

Developing a heart connection to nature in the formative years is imperative to raising empowered and active citizens. Learn how to introduce nature play and other biodiversity based activities into your centre whilst building habitat for local flora and fauna.

Climate Change and talking to children

Climate change is a pressing issue facing all walks of life, and the children at your centre probably have questions about it! It's not however the easiest issue to explain. Learn about the current science and the strategies to talk to young children to help empower them to understand not only what climate change all about—but also what they can do to help.

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PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

We help centres take an active role in caring for its environment and contributing to a sustainable future.

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PROGRAM

ResourceSmart in Early Childhood Program

ResourceSmart in Early Childhood program helps early learning centres embed sustainable practices into their service operations in order to meet National Quality Standard 3.3 (NQS 3.3)

This program has been adapted from the well established ResourceSmart Schools program which is one of the longest running environmental education program in Australia and can boast long standing impacts and achievements over 15 years.

A key point of difference to other sustainability programs is the provision of an experienced and supportive facilitator who delivers staff professional development, provides extensive face to face contact to work through the program checklist, expert advice, sustainability resources, assessment advice and phone, email and newsletter updates.

The program covers the areas of operations (including capturing billing data), curriculum and community links. An early learning centre works through 5 modules which cover the areas of 'setting a foundation' or core module, energy, waster, water and biodiversity.

Certificates are provided for each module after successfully navigating through the checklist and meeting benchmarks.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Our Professional Development workshops for Early Childhood educators are available for group bookings of up to 30 people. Our interactive and hands-on workshops focus on different sustainability topics including water, waste, energy, biodiversity and climate change.

Workshops run for up to 1.5 - 2 hours.

Education for Sustainability in Early Childhood

This workshop introduces the elements of Education for Sustainability – Heart, Head, Hands. Find out how to engage children and have some fun with hands-on activities. Learn what other centres are doing to reduce their impact on the Earth. There will also be time to think about opportunities
to enhance the sustainability programs at your centre and create a sustainability snapshot.

Wild about Waste

Explore the 5 R's and how to minimize waste at your centre. Enjoy an interactive presentation highlighting the latest waste issues followed by an opportunity to learn some local solutions to implement as part of daily practices and teaching and learning.

Splash into Water conservation

Discover the current issues associated with water and how water saving initiatives can be introduced into your centre. Learn why conserving water is essential to all life on our planet and what hands on activities can increase the knowledge and empowerment of the children at your centre.

"The ResourceSmart program for early childhood services has been an immense help in shaping our visions for the future and offers us an invaluable tool in order to ensure we achieve these visions. It has made us more organised - ResourceSmart has taught us the importance of policies, SEMPs, goal setting and action plans in order to embed our sustainable practices in to the centre's operations and procedures. It has given us the tools and confidence to do so."

Jenny Fowles, Kindergarten teacher
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