

POLICY – ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE

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1. National Quality Standards

Quality Area 3: Physical Environment		
Area	Concept	Descriptor
3.2	Use	The service environment is inclusive, promotes competence and supports exploration and play-based learning.
3.2.1	Inclusive Environment	Outdoor and indoor spaces are organised and adapted to support every child's participation and to engage every child in quality experiences in both built and natural environments.
3.2.2	Resources support play-based learning	Resources, materials and equipment allow for multiple uses, are sufficient in number, and enable every child to engage in play-based learning.
3.2.3	Environmentally responsible	The service cares for the environment and supports children to become environmentally responsible.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 Children are encouraged to value and respect themselves and others, the environment and the diversity of the society in which we live. Baringa will make every effort to protect the environment both within the Centre itself and also within the broader community.

3. Scope

- 3.1 This policy applies to children, families, staff, management and visitors of Baringa.

4. Implementation

- 4.1 The Centre will educate educators, children and parents where necessary; to ensure that correct waste disposal, recycling and environmental protection is recognised.
- 4.2 Themes in relation to environmental protection will be included in the children's program and in the day-to-day operation of the Centre.
- 4.3 Children will be educated about environmental protection and recycling so that they can promote these qualities now and in later life.
- 4.4 Educators will be encouraged and supported in environmental practices so they can be appropriate role models.

- 4.5 Management is to ensure that the Centre is upholding society's concerns for environmental protection.
- 4.6 There will always be an appropriate sealed garbage disposal unit which children do not have access to.
- 4.7 Wherever practicable, environmentally friendly products will be used at the Centre.
- 4.8 All rubbish will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way and recycled where practical.
- 4.9 Information is supplied to all educators and parents, so that they can recycle correctly, save energy, reduce waste etc.
- 4.10 The Centre promotes environmental protection.

5. Feedback

- 5.1 Families and staff may provide feedback about this document by emailing admin@baringa.org.au.

6. Approval and Review Details

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