

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES AT PRESCHOOL

Willoughby Community Preschool is committed to implementing environmentally safe practices to promote sustainability and to support the children and families to develop an understanding and sense of responsibility.

Through a variety of educational experiences, the children have opportunities to develop an appreciation and care for the environment and an awareness of the effect of human activity on the environment.

Sustainable practices are embedded in the Preschool's educational program and are a part of the children's daily routine. Educators guide children to be involved and participate in these experiences. A variety of resources are available to facilitate the process and the children are always keen to investigate them.

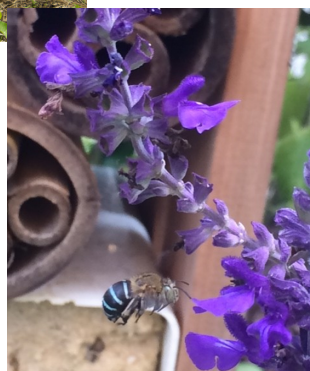
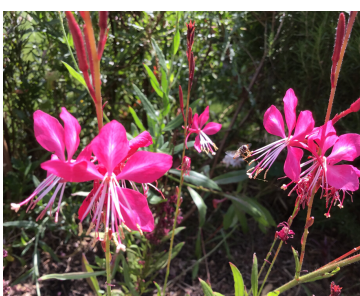
WASTE FREE LUNCH BOXES

Families are encouraged to reduce waste by providing food items in reusable lunch boxes and containers. The Preschool makes wax wraps with the children once a year to be used as an alternative to cling wrap. Labelled recycling bins are in place for the children to be involved in sorting and disposing of their waste.



NATIVE BEEHIVE & FLORA

Our Native Beehive improves the pollination of local plants as well as helping the productivity of our garden and gives the Preschool an opportunity to help preserve native species. Children with their educators participate in the Wild Pollinator Count project in Autumn and Spring.



VEGETABLE & HERB GARDENS



Veggie trugs and garden beds are always busy places where children grow seasonal herbs, vegetables and flowers, observe insects and the way life and health of living things are interconnect.

WORM FARM & WORM JUICE

The worm farm where food scraps are composted, helps to minimise food waste and produces worm juice and worm casting which make excellent fertilisers for our garden.



COMPOSTING

The compost bin is another natural way that the Preschool uses to compost organic material such as leaves and cuttings from the garden. The composted organic material is then taken from the bottom of our bin and used in our garden to improve aeration and to increase water holding.

SOLAR PANELS

In 2016 the Preschool received a Solar Communities Program funding grant from the Australian Government Department of Environment and Energy to install rooftop Solar Photovoltaic panels which produce renewable energy for the Preschool and help reduce costs and our ecological footprint.

