



Sustainability and Environmental Purpose Statement

INTRODUCTION

Education has a strong role to play in achieving sustainable development in South Australia in the 21st century. Education for sustainability (EfS) is a global initiative that develops the practices we need to make these changes and create a more sustainable society. EfS recognises that communities need to challenge existing ways of thinking and doing to being about fundamental transformation for sustainable development. (*Education for Sustainability - A Guide to becoming a sustainable school*, Department of Education and Children's Services 2007)

GOALS - What are we going to do?

At the Bute & District Kindergarten and Rural Care we will ensure the environment is safe, clean and well-maintained. To create more sustainable patterns of living children's awareness of the environment will be promoted through daily practices, resources and interactions. Sustainable practices will be encouraged within the education and care service. Educators, children and families will be encouraged to become advocates for a sustainable future.

STRATEGIES - How will it be done?

We will:

- Ensure the service liaises with other education and care services and keeps up to date on practices and ideas for sustainability.
- Encourage educators, families and children to engage in innovative practices and appreciate the wonder of the natural world while protecting the planet for future generations.
- Work with the model of EfS. A culture of sustainability underpins the identity and sense of purpose of the whole centre.

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