



## Melrose Rural Care ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION POLICY

From our philosophy: “We aim to provide high quality care and education through a partnership between parents, children, community, staff and the Department of Education and Children’s Services.”

With the belief that:

- ❖ Children develop individually through stages, in their own learning style varying through cultural and family values and perception of these may vary.
- ❖ Healthy self esteem is the basis of positive physical, intellectual and social growth.
- ❖ We believe children need to express themselves in a safe environment.
- ❖ Children learn most effectively through hands on experience, through play.
- ❖ We value involvement of families and community and we encourage open communication.
- ❖ Our planning and evaluation is inclusive to children with additional needs.
- ❖ Our aims of planning and daily activities reflect our philosophy and are made available to families.

### **Children need**

- *a clean and healthy environment in which to grow and learn*
- *education about environmental protection.*

### **Parents need**

- *information about environmental protection and how they can promote this at home.*

### **Staff need**

- *information about environmental protection*
- *environmentally friendly products for use in the Centre.*

### **Management**

- *should promote environmental protection*

### **STATEMENT**

*To encourage staff and children to be aware of environmental issues and to promote environmental protection*

*The Melrose Rural Care will make every effort to protect the environment within the venues it uses, ensuring the health of children, parents and staff. The Centre will also make efforts to protect the broader world environment and do its part to safeguard a clean and healthy world for us all.*

## HOW POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

- *Literature about environmental protection will be displayed in the Centre venues and brochures made available to parents.*
- *Themes in relation to environmental protection will be included in the children's program and in the day to day operation of the Centre.*
- *Wherever possible the use of environmentally friendly products will be encouraged in the Centre.*
- *All rubbish will be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way and products recycled whenever possible. Containers will be washed and prepared for recycling.*
- *Wherever possible the Centre will endeavour to be both water wise and energy efficient.*

*The Centre will support projects, which promote environmental protection.*

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Director

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### *Referenced to:*

- *Public and Environmental Health Act, 1987 and its Regulations (SA)*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1993 (SA) and Regulations*