



# RESOURCESMART IN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

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

**The ResourceSmart in Early Childhood program helps early learning centres embed sustainability 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 programs 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 that cover the areas of 'setting a foundation' or core module, energy, waste, water and biodiversity.

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

*"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, SEMP's, 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 Fowler - Kindergarten teacher, Richmond Creche and Kindergarten*



## We also offer Professional Development workshops

### 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 Earth. There will also be time to think about opportunities to enhance the sustainability programs at your centre.

#### Other topics include:

- Taking action, changing behaviour
- Sustainability action planning
- "Show me the money" - Grant writing
- Water, Waste, Biodiversity or Energy as a theme.

## For more information

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