



## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

### **Awards**

We are very proud of all our achievements and awards.

Thank you to everyone who has supported The Point Preschool. We greatly appreciate your support.

- 2014 Filmed by American based Laureate Education International University.
- 2014 Exceeding National Quality Standards in all Elements of the 7 Quality Areas. Rated by The Department Education and Communities.
- 2013 Filmed for ECA NQS PLP E-Learning Video on Sustainability
- 2013 "Gold" Greenbizcheck Certification
- 2012 ECA Research in Practise "Stories from the Heart" connecting children and families with our Earth. Stories from The Point Preschool written by Director Catherine Lee
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- 2011 Green Globe Awards Community Sustainability Highly Commended
- 2011 Inaugural WWF Earth Hour People's Choice Award

- 2010 Kidsafe National Playspace Design Awards Highly Commended for Innovative Design Elements - Dharawal Dreaming Traditional Artwork
- 2010 Child Care Week - Outstanding Centre
- 2009 Community Child Care NSW State Finalist (Top 3) Cee Cee Awards - Management Committee with Vision
- 2009 Australian Conservation Foundation Peter Rawlinson Award - Highly Commended
- 2009 NSW ECEEN (Early Childhood Environmental Education Network) SPROuts Award for Sustainable Projects and Outstanding Practice - Winner Community Focus Award
- 2008 ABC Gardening Australia Gardener of the Year Award - Australian Runner Up
- 2008 ABC Gardening Australia Gardener of the Year NSW Finalist
- 2008 NSW Community Child Care Co-operative CeeCee Awards Winner – Director with Vision
- 2008 Miranda Community Award to The Director of The Point Preschool from Mr Barry Collier MP, Parliament of NSW
- 2007 Sutherland Shire Leader Small Business Awards Winner – Most Outstanding Child Care Service
- 2007 NSW Community Child Care Co-operative CeeCee Awards Finalist & Top 3 – Director with Vision
- 2007 Certification by WIRES as a Wildlife Haven for Native Animals
- 2006 NSW ECEEN (Early Childhood Environmental Education Network) SPROuts Award for Sustainable Projects and Outstanding Practice Winner

"The Point Preschool in Oyster Bay, is this year's winner of the Sprouts Award - its collection of environmentally sustainable projects proving too hard to beat." Rattler, Community Child Care Co-operative. Issue 81 Autumn 2007

"I was overwhelmed by the complexity of the projects they had done and the level of awareness they have. The Point Preschool can only be described as a vital and nourishing environment for kids to learn." Jerry Coleby-Williams, ABC Gardening Australia, 2006

## **Media**

Planet Ark

The Point Preschool's commitment to sustainable practices has been showcased by Planet Ark.

"Congratulations on all the great work you've done at the school. It's fantastic to have information about your approach and process up on the site to inspire others." Amy Nancarrow, Coordinator, Recycling Programs, Planet Ark Environmental Foundation

You can read all about our sustainable practices on Planet Ark's National Recycling Week

website: <http://recyclingweek.planetark.org/business/case-studies.cfm>

ABC Radio National

In 2007 ABC Radio National Life Matters program on the importance of natural playscapes was recorded at The Point Preschool and features our preschool director.

[Click here to download the zipped MP3 file.](#)

Thank you to Tess Michaels from Tessa Rose Landscapes and the kind permission of ABC Radio National.

## **Testimonials**

"To the kids at The Point Preschool. You are my heroes! I'm a big fan!"  
Jamie Durie 2011 on winning the Earth Hour People's Choice Award

"It was a great pleasure to vote for the Point Preschool as I was able to do so with real conviction. I have been there and know that you are a wonderful example of Environmental Education." Annette Debenham, NSW Roots and Shoots Co-ordinator, Jane Goodall Institute of Australia 2011

"Thank you for your letter about how you try to save the world and protect the environment. It is clear that your preschool is doing a wonderful job." Kevin Rudd, Prime Minister, Australia 2009

"These children will grow up with an inherent love of and concern with nature and the world around us. Our future is in good hands with gardeners like these." Sophie Thomson, ABC Gardening Australia 2008