

Education

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Purpose

To clarify Northey Street City Farm's philosophy of education, which is to promote permaculture principles and practices.

The Farm provides the following educational services to the community:

- a. PDC (Permaculture Design Certificate) courses,
- b. APT (Accredited Permaculture Training) Certificates 3 & 4,
- c. Horticulture Certificate I,
- d. workshops on sustainable living,
- e. site tours and activities for school and other groups,
- f. informal education through shared gardening and nursery activities, and "under the mango tree" conversations.

This service is run as a core Farm activity with the intention of creating a budgeted financial surplus to The Farm once staffing, materials, resources, facilities, training etc., are catered for.

Policy

1. The Farm aims to make its educational activities accessible to all members of the community. This is achieved by offering concession pricing as well as extra support for students with language, literacy or numeracy issues, for example, or disabilities that could affect their participation. (See the Inclusion Policy also.)
2. All courses aim to be as practical and 'hands-on' as possible, to give students practical skills and experience in the pursuit of sustainable living and urban food production.
3. All assessment is competency based and deadlines for achieving competency can be flexible, by negotiation. However, students extending their studies by more than one month may be required to pay extra enrolment fees to The Farm and/or to the registered training organisation.
4. Education is run through the Education Team, which meets regularly and reports to the rest of The Farm through formal minutes and the Team Reps meetings.

Procedures

1. The Farm has formal relationships with two registered training organisations (RTOs): Brisbane North Institute of TAFE and Eltham College Training Services. This allows us to offer accredited training courses and certificates.
2. Prospective students should read the appropriate brochures, newsletter or website in the first instance, and then contact the Administration Officer or one of the teachers for further details.
3. All course or workshop bookings are to be made through the Administration Officer.

