



School Sustainability Vision

Our vision is to actively engage students, staff and parents in developing a sustainable environment that fosters and inspires best practice and emphasises the importance of preparing individuals to become responsible for contributing to a sustainable future.

Overarching Aims

- To develop an environmentally conscious culture at our school.
- To reduce the amount of energy we consume through smarter practices and greater efficiency, while working towards using sustainable energy sources.
- To minimise landfill waste and increase the percentage of material that is reused, recycled and composted.
- To deliver curriculum that incorporates elements of sustainability at all year levels.
- To engage in daily sustainable practices that incorporate environmentally friendly behaviours (e.g. recycling bins, standby/shutdown mode for computers, smart lighting).
- To lead the community by demonstrating best practice in purchasing, waste management, energy and water use and develop the school grounds to promote biodiversity.

Education

- The school will implement a hands-on approach for education on sustainability at each year level (e.g. composting, clean-ups, worm farms and garden club).
- Whole school events will encourage partners and sponsors to adhere to our school's sustainability statement.
- The school will support active sustainability team /clubs that involve school staff, teachers, parents and students.

Energy

- Undertake energy audits to gather information about energy usage and identify areas for improvement.
- Promote sustainable transport (e.g. walk or bus to school).
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible (have teachers that check all lights/computers/heat/ac are turned off before leaving classrooms for lunch/breaks/end of day and keeping doors and windows closed when artificially heating or cooling a space).
- Increase the use of sustainable energy (e.g. solar).

Waste

- Undertake waste and litter audits to gather information and identify areas for improvement.
- Include the whole school community in the process of developing a "Waste Wise" school through the principles "Rethink/Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle".
- Minimise landfill waste and maximise recycling and composting (e.g. nude lunches, recycling bins, worm farms).
- Maintain a litter-free school environment.

Water

- Educate on the importance of water as a precious natural resource and the natural processes (e.g. drought and floods).
- Become "Water Wise" by turning off taps and bubblers.
- Encourage the use of reusable water bottles that students can refill at school.

Biodiversity

- Enhance the school garden programme.
- Increase biodiversity in the school yard to support local fauna (e.g. landscaping and trees to lower temps and provide shade)
- Encourage an appreciation of the natural environment through learning experiences (e.g. curriculum, excursions and clubs).

Green purchasing

- Purchase environmentally friendly paper for printers and photocopiers.
- Purchase environmentally friendly alternatives for items like toilet paper, hand towels, tissues, serviettes, cutlery.
- Use more environmentally friendly products for cleaning (e.g. phosphate-free).