

Albert Park Primary School

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY

POLICY

Vision/Rationale:

At Albert Park Primary we aim to develop an understanding of the natural world around us, act in an environmentally aware and sustainable manner in all things we do, and lead in the school and broader community.

Aims:

- We aim to educate students and broader school community in learning how to be a responsible environmental citizen and care for our world.

Our environmental commitment is to:

- reduce resource use such as water, waste, energy;
- increase biodiversity; and
- encourage community involvement in sustainable actions.

Implementation:

- The school will support an active and inter-connected group of sustainability teams that will involve staff, students and parents and linking into the wider community.
- Our curriculum will incorporate elements of sustainability using the Victorian Curriculum framework.
- The school will engage in daily sustainable practices that incorporate environmentally-friendly behaviours.

This will include (but are not limited to):

Biodiversity

- Create outdoor learning opportunities involving plants and animals in curriculum for P – 6 students.

Energy

- Include the whole school community in the process of becoming an energy efficient school.
- Participate in Active Travel events (eg. Ride2School) through local and state government initiatives.

Waste

- Include the whole school community in the process of developing a 'Waste Wise' school through the principles of 'Rethink/Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'.

Water

- Include the whole school community in the process of becoming a "Water Wise" school through water conservation programs such as SWEF (Schools Water Efficiency Program) to conserve drinkable water.

Sustainable Procurement

- Consider the environment with school purchases wherever possible.

Evaluation:

- Auditing and evaluation of environmental practices and systems will be monitored through ResourceSmart Schools
- Sustainability Program Coordinator and Environment Sub-committee will provide School Council with an annual report of sustainability programs, initiatives and resource use for staff and students.

* This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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