



COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL Sustainability Policy

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PURPOSE

Our vision is to educate students, staff and the broader community about the purpose of environmental sustainability, while empowering them to develop sustainable practices which they can implement in school operations and their own lives.

Coburg West Primary School recognises the importance of becoming a sustainable school for the benefit of the Earth's environmental health. By managing resources efficiently and embedding education and sustainable practices, we will motivate the whole school community to live more sustainably. We honour and draw upon the knowledge of the First Nations people and their relationship with the land. We believe that fostering a positive attitude and appreciation of sustainable environmental practice is vital to the development of our students, will contribute towards the health of our community, and reduce our impact on the Earth.

OBJECTIVE

- To educate our students, and subsequently their families, in responsible energy usage, water efficiency, waste management and environmental awareness.
- To protect the environment through a proactive approach to conservation and environmental issues.
- To practise resource efficiency.
- To increase the biodiversity of the local environment.
- To practise effective waste minimisation and management.
- To reduce resource costs and carbon footprint.
- To promote the value of living sustainably.
- To achieve and maintain star accreditation status in accordance with the ResourceSmart Schools (RSS) program, led by Sustainability Victoria.

SCOPE

Sustainability is the responsibility of staff, students, and parents/carers

POLICY

The school will:

- ensure curriculum delivery incorporates elements of sustainability at all year levels, in line with the Victorian Curriculum Cross-Curriculum Priority
- establish and support a sustainability team that reports to school governance bodies
- engage in sustainable actions that are promoted through the RSS framework
- lead in exemplary practices in waste management, water and energy usage
- develop and use the school grounds to increase local biodiversity
- use the RSS Framework and RSS Online to monitor the school's progress towards meeting resource saving targets

- develop and maintain a School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP)
- encourage 'green events'
- promote sustainability by reporting achievements to the school and local community

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- ResourceSmart School Memorandum of Understanding
- School Environmental Management Plan
- ResourceSmart Schools Online: my.resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au
- Sustainability Victoria: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools

REVIEW CYCLE AND EVALUATION

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