



Wheelers Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL

GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

Rationale

Sustainable purchasing or green procurement is when people or organisations buy products or services that minimise negative environmental impacts over their life cycle of manufacturing, transportation, use and recycling or disposal. This includes considerations such as purchasing renewable energy instead of electricity powered by fossil fuels which are contributing to global heating; and purchasing products derived from biodegradable materials instead of using plastic products made from petroleum (oil) which are contributing to global heating and the waste crisis.

Wheelers Hill Primary is committed to sustainable purchasing and practices within its community and will seek to purchase green products in order to reduce its environmental impact and support companies that have sustainable life cycles of manufacturing transportation, use and recycling or disposal. In doing so, Wheelers Hill Primary School will reduce its ecological footprint and educate staff, students and families on the everyday choices we can all make to reduce our impact on the Earth and help transition to more sustainable products and services.

1 Guidelines

1.1 Currently Wheelers Hill Primary School has committed to purchasing the following

PRODUCT	COMPANY
Printer paper -sourced from Sustainable Forests (certified according to PEFC) - paper and carton boxes are recyclable - carbon neutral	COS
Electronic communications – online newsletters	iinewsletter
Electronic communications - notices	Compass
Electronic visitor log with no receipt printout	Compass
Separated bins for all classrooms	Kmart
Paper towel -made from 100% recycled materials	COS
Toilet paper -certified by Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)	COS
Hand soap -biodegradable and phosphate free	COS
Outdoor furniture made from recycled materials	REPLAS

1.2 In the future we are hoping to extend this purchasing to include the following

PRODUCT	COMPANY
Green events – such as Shark Fete, Sausage sizzles, morning teas to use reusable plates and cups, and any single use packaging to be 100% biodegradable	School policy
Green Power – electricity usage with certified renewable energy	Powershop Diamond Energy Energy Locals
Solar panels	TBA

2 Implementation

2.1 In planning to achieve our goals, Wheelers Hill Primary School will commit to sustainable purchasing and practices that are financially viable.

Resources

<https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/>

<https://ceres.org.au/>

Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated by School Council as part of a cyclical reviewing of all policies in accordance with DET guidelines.

Related policies

Policy area	Ratified by School Council	Next review
Education	May 2021	2024