



Wheelers Hill
PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Rationale

Wheelers Hill Primary School is working as a whole to reduce our impact on the Earth in order to produce a clean, safe and healthy environment and preserve resources for future generations.

Wheelers Hill Primary School will reduce our ecological footprint through improving sustainability in day-to-day operations, curriculum and community. We will achieve this with practices in decreasing consumption of energy, water and waste, and improving biodiversity; continuing to integrate sustainability into all areas of the curriculum; instilling a sense of pride in improving the school environment; and developing authentic partnerships between home, school and the wider community based on open communication and shared commitment to a sustainable future.

1 Guidelines

- 1.1 Our goal is to develop an environmentally conscious culture at Wheelers Hill Primary School
- 1.2 Wheelers Hill Primary will continue to work towards achieving accreditation with Sustainability Victoria, Resourcesmart Schools Educational program.
- 1.3 Our school will engage in daily sustainable practices that incorporate environmentally friendly behaviours by utilising systems i.e. five bin system
- 1.4 Curriculum delivery will incorporate elements of sustainability at all year levels
- 1.5 Wheelers Hill Primary School will include the whole school community in the process of developing a 'Waste Wise' school through the principles of Rethink/ Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

2 Implementation

- 2.1 In planning to achieve our goals, Wheelers Hill Primary School will develop a whole school approach to environmental sustainability
- 2.2 Minimise landfill waste and maximise recycling and composting
- 2.3 Identify environmentally responsibly school operations
- 2.4 Identify areas of energy wastage and minimise energy use
- 2.5 Identify areas of water waste and implement water conservation practices
- 2.6 Identify areas of wastage and implement waste minimisation practices
- 2.7 Identify items for recycling and implement recycling practices
- 2.8 Purchase environmentally responsible products, where possible and appropriate
- 2.9 Manage toxic materials in line with OHS procedures and guidelines
- 2.10 Involve students in a number of school-based activities, such as environmental auditing of school resource use, and waste management
- 2.11 Implement regular 'Nude Food Days'
- 2.12 Maintain a Sustainability committee comprising teachers, Year 6 leaders and a member of OSHC staff
- 2.13 Maintain litter-free school grounds

2.14 Regularly involve the wider community through articles in the school Newsletter and the school's sustainability blog accessed via the School website

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