



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Policy

Sustainability is integral to The Beehive Montessori School ethos, and as such sustainable practices are integrated across all learning areas in a way that gives students the skills, knowledge and values to empower them to make responsible choices regarding water and waste management.

The School is committed to striving towards a world where people value the natural environment and care for their communities. One way we do this is by being Waste Wise and Water Wise by promoting a policy of:

- Rethink
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Background

Across Australia we are running out of landfill space and a sustainable water supply, and are rapidly depleting our natural resources. We are now seeing the devastating impact on the environment and our communities of wasteful practices.

In implementing this policy, the School hopes to achieve the following goals:

1. Develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values.
2. Educate the School and wider community about the waste wise and water wise message and the need to care for our fragile biodiversity.
3. Encourage participation of the whole School community.
4. Minimise the amount of waste going to landfill, and reduce the amount of water and energy used within the School.
5. Encourage smarter, eco-friendly thinking about purchasing of products at School and at home, as well as educating our School community about the need to rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle.

Implementation

1. Continue fortnightly placement of School recycling bins on verge for fortnightly collection.
2. Encourage the reduction in the amount of paper photocopied.
3. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math activities.
4. Reuse the food scraps collected during the day from lunches.
5. Recycle batteries.



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6. Use rechargeable / solar rechargeable batteries where possible.
7. Reduce the amount of energy used by the School for heating and cooling by encouraging the wearing of appropriate clothing for weather conditions rather than air conditioners.
8. Involve students in a variety of Wastewise and Waterwise activities.
9. Continue the practice of recycling in every room and the provision of a battery recycling bin in the School hall.
10. Reducing water use where possible

The Beehive's continuous commitment to these programs will be to actively raise awareness of sustainability practices within the School and wider community through the School newsletters, fundraising efforts, students creating and presenting plays, poems and stories to the School and School events.

We are also committed to modelling sustainable practices through ongoing building and improvement of infrastructure within the School.

Related Documents and Resources

[Wastewise Schools](#)

[Wastewise activities](#)

Excursions, Incursions and Camps Policy

[Waterwise Schools Program](#)