



# Sustainability Policy

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## Policy

Environmental and resource sustainability are integral to The Beehive Montessori School ethos. 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. By being Waste Wise and Water Wise, the School promotes 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 seeing the devastating impact of wasteful practices on the environment and our communities.

The School endeavours to:

1. Develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values.
2. Educate students, staff and the 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 waste and reduce the amount of water and energy used by the School.
5. Encourage smarter, eco-friendly thinking when purchasing products at School and at home, as well as educating the School community about the need to Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

## Implementation

1. Continue placement of School recycling bins on verge for fortnightly collection.
2. Reduce the amount of paper used in photocopying.
3. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math activities.
4. Collect food scraps from morning tea and lunch for the chickens and worms.

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5. Use rechargeable / solar rechargeable batteries where possible.
6. Reduce the amount of energy for heating and cooling by encouraging the wearing of appropriate clothing for weather conditions.
7. Involve students in a variety of Waste wise and Water wise activities.
8. Continue the practice of recycling a variety of products throughout the school.
9. Reduce water use where possible.
10. Support the student-initiated and led Beehive Environment Club and encourage participation from across the student body.

The School shall actively raise awareness of sustainability practices through newsletters, fundraising efforts, students creating and presenting plays, poems and stories to the School and School events.

The School is committed to modelling sustainable practices through ongoing building and improvement of infrastructure.

#### Related Documents and Resources

[Wastewise Schools](#)

[Wastewise activities](#)

Excursions, Incursions and Camps Policy

[Waterwise Schools Program](#)

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