



# Sustainability Policy



## **Rationale:**

Sustainability is an issue that effects us all. Schools have an important role to play in educating children and families about issues such as climate change and its effects, and to promote a range of actions and strategies to tackle the problems and to model possible solutions.

FWPS has adopted the framework of the “5 R’s of Sustainability”:

Reduce                  Reuse                  Recycle                  Rethink                  Relationships

- Our goal is to engage students, staff and the wider community in our quest to develop a whole school approach to sustainable actions.

## **Aims:**

### 1. *Water*

- To reduce water usage and therefore the costs of water consumption for the school.
- To choose the most effective means of conserving or capturing/collecting water.
- To plant trees and other vegetation that are predominantly native and drought tolerant.

### 2. *Energy*

- To include students in the process of developing an Energy Efficient school.
- To educate the school community about the best practice for use of energy consuming equipment and services.
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible to reduce energy costs.

### 3. *Waste*

- To practice waste wise principles of reduce, reuse and recycle; and to reduce the cost of waste and litter management.
- To minimize and recycle our waste as much as possible on a daily basis, including classroom, yard and garden waste.

### 4. *Biodiversity*

- To create an appreciation of the environmental habitats within the school.
- To choose and use sustainable materials which reduce the impact on the environment.

## **Implementation:**

- Sustainability units incorporated into curriculum of each level.
- Maintain a Student Environment Team, which meets regularly to discuss current issues and keeps student body informed through: newsletter items, assembly presentations, class visits.
- Maintain community links and relationships i.e. Connector Bugs, Maribyrnong City Council, Bicycle Network (Ride 2 School), VicHealth (Walk to School).

## **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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