



ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Rationale:

The provision of an efficient and an effective canteen at the College provides opportunities to reinforce healthy eating practices and a service for students and school staff wishing to purchase snacks and lunch. The canteen also provides an opportunity for locally raised funds for the school.

Objectives:

The aims of this policy are to ensure an ongoing commitment:

- To reduce the amount of waste produced and to develop strategies of reduction, reuse and recycling methods.
- To encourage an environmentally conscious philosophy and culture within our College.
- To provide and develop a whole College approach to implementing the waste minimisation strategies.
- To become an attractive and healthier environment.

Implementation:

- The main focus will be to recycle cans, glass, plastics, paper, newspapers, telephone books, cardboard, photocopier cartridges, printer and fax cartridges. A future strategy will be to implement composting.
- Energy costs will be reduced by switching off lights, heaters, turn down hot water services when not in use.
- Installing tanks, keeping checks on leaking taps and pipes, will reduce water usage.
- Environmental awareness to be included in all area of the school curriculum.
- Students will be engaged in tree planting and rejuvenation projects within the College grounds.
- A system of rewards and recognition will be presented to students for demonstrating environmental achievements.
- Recycling bins will be provided throughout the College.
- Activities and programs will occur regularly to promote awareness of environmental issues. These events will become a calendar item each term, such as, garbage free lunches, National tree planting day.
- The College will purchase recycled products where possible to reduce waste.
- The College will register as a Waste Wise School and adopt a plan and foster change to achieve agreed objectives.
- Financial benefits generated through recycling programs will fund environmental projects.
- An Environment Committee consisting of students, staff and parents, will convene and report to the Facilities Committee.
- Regular notices on the daily bulletin and newsletter will be distributed to inform students, staff and parents of current activities.
- All students will be actively encouraged to participate in improving our College environment

Evaluation

- The Environment Committee will monitor and evaluate the waste recycling program and identify changes required for continued improvements.
- Projects will be reviewed annually to assess the reduced, reused and recycling practices in our College and make recommended amendments where necessary.
- A waste audit and a student/staff survey will be administered on an annual basis.
- The effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed as part of the College's four year review cycle.