



# Hughesdale Primary School

## Sustainability (Environmental) Policy

<b>Last Review Date:</b> October 2022	<b>Due for Next Review:</b> October 2024
<b>Included on Website:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Authorised (Principal):</b>



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Business Manager or Assistant Principal.

## PURPOSE

- To promote environmental sustainability at the school level including areas such as waste, energy, water, and biodiversity.
- To reduce the amount of waste produced so that the minimum amount is sent to landfill.
- To include waste-reduction strategies as part of the whole school program involving students, parents, teachers, and the wider community.
- To increase awareness of the importance of conservation of resources such as water and energy.
- To engage students in authentic, hands-on learning opportunities centred around sustainability including gardening, water conservation and biodiversity.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Development of a more attractive and healthier school environment
- Financial savings due to reduced waste removal (Cleanaway)
- Students learn environmentally sound attitudes and habits

## DEFINITIONS

Sustainability addresses the ongoing capacity of Earth to maintain all life.

## GUIDELINES

- The coordinator will lead a student-centred committee for sustainability that will meet during lunch times about once a week.
- The committee will circulate relevant information to the staff/school community through staff meetings, newsletters, etc.
- Reduce, re-use, re-cycle and re-purpose strategies will be incorporated into the school's everyday activities.
- Sustainability initiatives will be driven by the student body boosting student voice and agency.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- The following whole-school programs will operate:
  - paper and cardboard will be re-cycled through Cleanaway, or a similar service
  - recyclable containers will be recycled through curbside collection each fortnight
  - Organic/compostable waste will be recycled through our composting system
- The re-cycling collection system will be visible, convenient, safe, secure and have clear instructions.
- The school will participate in environment focused activities each year as decided by the staff. These could include activities such as ‘rubbish free lunch days’ and ‘walk to school days’.
- Sustainability strategies for conservation, care of resources and the topics of sustainability, will be incorporated into the relevant areas of the classroom teaching and learning program in line with the [Victorian Curriculum Cross-Curricular Priority Learning about Sustainability](#).
- New environmental sustainability programs will be developed on a need’s basis.

## COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways

- available publicly on our school’s website
- included in staff handbook/manual
- made available upon request to the front office.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Department policies:

- [Sustainable Facilities](#)

## POLICY REVIEW

Policy last reviewed	October 2022
Next scheduled review date	October 2024
Review Cycle	There is no recommended minimum review cycle for this policy, being a local policy.