

HAMILTON NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Hamilton North Primary School Statement

Hamilton North Primary School at all times will fully comply with Departmental management and the associated Guidelines published and amended by the Department from time to time.

Purpose of this Policy

Hamilton North Primary School is a Resource SMART school and we are working towards becoming the most sustainable school community that we can be. Staff and students are positive role models for sustainability within our community and strive towards preservation of a healthy environment for all, both now and in the future. Hamilton North Primary School develops responsible, resilient and respectful citizens who make informed decisions to reduce their impact on the environment.

Hamilton North Primary School is committed to:	
1.	Developing an environmentally conscious culture at Hamilton North Primary School and its surrounding community
2.	Minimising landfill waste and increase the percentage of materials that are reused, recycled and reduced. To become a wrapper free and “Nude Food” School
3.	To reduce the amount of energy per student per year through smarter practices and greater efficiency as well as working towards using carbon neutral energy sources
4.	To increase the biodiversity and habitat quality score of the school grounds by planting indigenous species and increasing the habitat area for local wildlife
5.	To minimise the consumption of water per student per year
6.	To implement ‘green purchasing’ procedures for the school community in order to reduce environmental impacts, including notices and articles of such procedures in our school newsletter to educate the community on making environmentally friendly choices for life
7.	To abide by the guidelines in the Green Events policy.

Implementation

Hamilton North Primary School will implement a hands-on approach to education for sustainability through the curriculum at each year level and whole school events. Student learning will focus on taking action within the school and wider community. Students will have the opportunity to participate in The Green Team and whole school wide days such as Tree Planting Days, Earth hours ect.

HNPS will support an active sustainability coordination team that involves all staff, student leadership teams, students, parents, School Council members, and other members of our school community and wider local community.

Waste	Include the whole school community in the process of developing a waste wise school through the principles of Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
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	Minimise landfill waste and maximise recycling and composting (eg: rubbish free lunches, recycling bins, hand dryers)
	Maintain litter free school grounds by having controlled eating areas, introducing wrapper free lunch boxes and in time becoming a Nude Food School.
Energy	Include the whole school community in the process of developing an Energy Efficient school
	Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible
	Choose the most appropriate energy saving methods available
	Increase the use of carbon neutral energy sources
Biodiversity	Encourage an appreciation of the natural environment through learning experiences eg curriculum, excursions and school camps
	Continue to increase biodiversity in the school yard in order to support local flora and fauna
	Showcase native and indigenous gardens as model to the school and wider community
Water	Appreciate water as a precious natural resource
	Involve the whole school community in the planning of water conservation and water quality initiatives
	Continue to use SWEP as a measurable tool
	Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible
	Choose the most effective means of conserving water
Green Purchasing	Provision of environmentally friendly paper for printers and photocopiers
	Provision of environmentally friendly paper alternatives for items like toilet paper, hand towel, tissues and serviettes
	Use more environmentally friendly products (eg for cleaning)

Evaluation

The Annual Program Budget review will provide recommendations which may be used to affect policy change in the future.

Staff, students and community feedback will be sought to review the policy.

The members of staff, student leadership (Green Team) and members of school council will review whether the school is reaching its environment targets on a yearly basis.

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Next Review Date	May 2021
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