



Templestowe Heights  
Primary School

# SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

## RATIONALE

As part of Templestowe Heights Primary School's environmental commitment, we will endeavour to practice waste-wise initiatives, promote energy efficiency, reduce water usage, increase biodiversity in the school gardens and encourage the community to become involved in making a sustainable impact.

## AIMS

1. To work towards becoming a fully accredited 5 Star Sustainable School.
2. To increase student and community awareness of environmental issues
3. To control energy consumption to reduce our impact on the natural environment
4. To reduce waste and litter within the school by practising the principles of reduce, reuse and recycle
5. To promote actions that will reduce water usage and lead to an appreciation of water as a precious natural resource
6. To reduce costs involved in waste, litter and energy management
7. To improve our outdoor natural environment and to educate the community about incorporating biodiversity into every day school life
8. To involve students in decision making and planning
9. To integrate environmental studies into the curriculum.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- Complete the Core, Waste, Energy, Water and Biodiversity Modules of the Resourcement Program
- Regularly enter data onto SETS – Schools' Environmental Tracking System
- Promote a Switch-Off policy for equipment, lighting and heating when not in use
- Collect daily food scraps for use in worm farms/compost
- Each class to dispose of paper into recycle bin or reuse
- Children to use the Designated Eating Area
- Promote water-wise turn-off practices for plumbing fixtures
- Regular working bees to maintain and improve the sustainability of our school grounds
- Students to engage in units of work relating to water, waste, energy and biodiversity.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's policy review cycle.

*This policy was ratified by School Council in April, 2010*