



Heany Park Green Events Policy

School sustainability vision and principles

Heany Park Primary School is a child centred community, empowering students to be inquiring, responsible, compassionate and globally minded citizens. Our teaching and learning embodies our school values and drives the development of challenging and engaging programmes. This enables our students to become lifelong learners, who take action to promote a peaceful and sustainable world through respect and understanding.

We seek to actively engage and empower our students, staff, and community to be accountable and care for the environmental future by adopting sustainable practices in our everyday operations. We aim to achieve this by integrating sustainability into school infrastructure, management, and all areas of the curriculum. We will educate to develop lifelong sustainable practices and instil a sense of ownership and pride in improving the environment. We will lead the community by demonstrating environmentally positive practices in waste management, water, and energy usage, and will continue to develop the school grounds to improve biodiversity.

By becoming a Resource Smart school and working towards our vision, we aim for our school community to

- develop a greater understanding of the impact of their actions on the environment.*
- gain a greater appreciation and understanding of sustainability principles and practices.*
- become empowered to use their knowledge of sustainable practices to apply strategies and take-action within the school environment and beyond.*
- develop a sense of ownership and pride throughout the school community in improving the environment.*

work towards becoming an accredited five-star sustainable school, maintain this accreditation over time and help other schools within the community to reach their Resource smart goals.

Aims

- To keep waste and litter to a minimum at both school based events that involve the wider school community with the aim of reducing or eliminating waste from events when possible.*
- To investigate various ways school events can have a minimal impact on our environment.*

- *To minimise resource use at school events.*
- *To promote the value of living sustainably during school events.*

Implementation – how we will achieve our aims.

Advertising

- *Where possible advertising of the event will be done electronically.*
- *Where printed materials are needed, these will not be laminated to ensure they can be recycled.*
- *Sustainability actions implemented at the event will be communicated to the audience and any contractors/vendors (e.g., bring a refillable bottle, lunch box, keep cup).*

Green purchasing

- *The school's existing Green Purchasing Policy will be taken into consideration when making purchases for the event.*

Water

- *We will liaise with South East Water (our water supplier) to establish ways we can best reduce water usage at the event.*

Waste

- *We will liaise with Premier Waste (waste contractor) and our maintenance team to ensure we have sufficient bins at the event.*
- *We will continue to discuss with the City of Knox the possibility of us securing and using the councils recycling and green waste bins.*
- *Where possible a 'waste station' will be created, including interpretive signage to ensure correct bins are used. It would include recycling, composting, food scraps and landfill.*
- *Single use plastic will be banned at the event.*
- *We will use decorations that can be recycled.*

Energy

- *We will monitor energy use, particularly from outside vendors, to keep resource use to a minimum.*
- *We will encourage outside vendors to use their own solar energy source where practical.*

Biodiversity

- *We will ensure natural habitat areas of our school grounds are protected.*

Community leadership/sustainability promotion

www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools

- *We will promote the sustainability actions being implemented at this event to the wider community.*
- *We will look for opportunities to include sustainability promotion during the event such as stall holders and stakeholder presence, among others.*
- *We will use the opportunity to highlight the school's other sustainability achievements.*

Other policies and links related to this policy:

- *Sustainability Policy*
- *Green Purchasing Policy*
- *SEMP*
- ResourceSmart Schools Online: <https://my.resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au>
- Sustainability Victoria: <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools>

Endorsement

This policy will be reviewed biannually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances dictate.

Ratified by	School Council on 10 August 2023
Approved by School Council President	Nilupa Dediwalage
Approved by Acting Principal	Kym Ryan
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