



Heany Park Green Purchasing 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

By creating a green purchasing policy at Heany park Primary we aim to ensure.

- Environmental performance considerations be embedded in decision-making process when purchasing goods and services*

- *Environmental performance considerations will include:*
 - *Whole of life impacts such as resource source, production, use, end of life*
 - *Social and ethical impacts such as sustainable workplace practices that protect the workforce and the environment*
 - *Minimal resource use*
 - *Circular economy products*

Implementation – how we will achieve our aims

Where feasible Heany park will:

- *Refuse single use items*
- *Repurpose items such as school soap containers cut up to be used as buckets to collect water from the bubble taps to be put on the garden.*
- *When possible, we will purchase 100% recycled paper for printers, photocopiers and toilets.*
- *Online advertising materials and information sent home to students*
- *Purchase furniture and equipment made from recycled materials and from ethical manufacturers.*
- *Purchase most energy and water efficient equipment*
- *Source recycled products for book orders.*
- *Provide opportunities for second hand uniform and school book supplies*
- *Reuse stationary, pens and art supplies rather than dispose at end of year*
- *Purchase kitchen and cooking supplies, wherever possible, from Fair Trade organisations*
- *Cleaning products to have minimal environmental impact and to be ethical manufacturers*
- *Eliminate plastic bags, and use compostable, recyclable or reusable eating implements for school general use, fairs and events*
- *Compostable, recyclable or reusable food wrapping to be encouraged for lunches and from external food supplies (lunch orders).*
- *Staff to be encouraged to use reusable cups for coffee and water.*
- *Ensure contractors have fair pay and conditions*

Other policies and links related to this policy:

www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools

- *Sustainability Policy*
- *Green Events 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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