

Sustainability & Climate Action Policy



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POLICY STATEMENT

At Glendale Primary School staff and students believe in striving towards a world where people value and care for the natural environment and their communities.

To minimise the amount of waste sent to landfill, Glendale Primary School is committed to becoming Waste Wise accredited.

GOALS

- Promoting the values of **Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** and developing a whole school approach to environmental education.
- Reduce carbon emissions through the responsible management of electricity, gas and water at the school site and in the community.
- Teach the School community to develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values.
- The School ethos to reflect our commitment to fostering ecologically sound thinking.
- Waste minimisation, litter reduction and the reduction of carbon emissions will be addressed as a cross curricular priority in the curriculum.
- Educate and encourage participation by the wider school community about sustainable practices.
- Minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.

MEASURING, MONITORING AND REPORTING

- Initial audit (September 2019) as a baseline for comparing data through the Climate Clever app.
- Measuring and monitoring our electricity, gas, water and waste annually.
- Monitoring the success of initiatives that are being implemented in our school to reduce consumption in energy, water and waste.
- Reporting our performance to our school community through a range of means including newsletters, the school website and annual report.

CONSUMPTION

- Continually seeking opportunities to reducing energy and water consumption and waste minimisation through the Climate Clever App and other Waste Wise initiatives.
- Conducting energy, water and waste audits, led by our students to identify wastage and other areas for improvement.

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Action Policy - Continued



ACTION PLAN

- Continue placement of paper recycling boxes in every room.
- Continue recycling initiatives such as bread bag tags, oral care products and batteries.
- Continue 'Nude Food Thursday' to reduce waste going into landfill.
- Collect and reuse materials for curriculum activities such as bottle tops, cardboard boxes etc. and continue our membership to REMIDA.
- Reuse the food scraps collected from recess and lunch in worm farms and compost bins.
- Creating a Low Carbon School Action Plan with identified actions to implement over a 12 month period and review plan annually.
- Promote and participate in National Ride To School Day to encourage more families to leave the car at home and to exercise.
- Glendale Greenies – each class has two students who hold the role and carry out the responsibilities.
- Every child will be involved in an area of responsibility for sustainability practices in the school. Each year level has the following areas of responsibility:

Year Level	Area of Responsibility	Promote, run competitions and complete sustainability lessons in this area.
Kindy	Bush tucker garden and planting	April
Pre-primary	Worm farm	May
Year 1	Battery recycling	June
Year 2	Dishwashing detergent tablets and room deodoriser recycling	July
Year 3	Plastic bottle cap recycling	August
Year 4	Oral care products recycling	September
Year 5	Bread bag tags	October
Year 6	Paper recycling & Nude Food Thursdays	Year round
Glendale Greenies	Nude Food Thursdays Support to collect waste, Term 2 Nude Food	April & October