

Environmental Sustainability Policy – Toora Primary School – 2010

Purpose

Toora Primary School recognises the importance of becoming a sustainable school for the benefit of the planet's environmental health. We aim to manage resources efficiently and integrate sustainable practices by educating and motivating the whole school community to live more sustainably.

Aims

- To protect the environment through a proactive approach to conservation and environmental issues
- To practise energy and water efficiency
- To practise effective waste minimisation and management
- To educate the students and subsequently their families in responsible energy usage, water efficiency, waste management and environmental awareness
- To promote the value of living sustainably.

Guidelines

The school will:

- Dispose of the least amount of solid waste to sanitary landfill as possible, and to have the least amount of litter leading to:
 - Financial savings for the school
 - Considerable benefits for the environment
 - Many opportunities for students to learn environmentally sound attitudes and habits.
- Nominate a staff member as Environmental Sustainability Coordinator who will be responsible for organising the school's Environment leaders and recycling routines.
- Assign Environment leader positions to Year 6 students who will assist in implementing sustainable whole school routines and practices of reduce, reuse, recycle and compost.
- Develop and implement classroom curriculum programs, focusing on studies related to conservation and the environment.
- Develop sustainable practices and routines, for example, Computers, lighting, heating, cooling and office equipment including server **monitors** should be switched off, as outlined in the "School Energy Shutdown Guide."
- Embrace new and proven knowledge, skills and technologies based around environmental sustainability.
- Purchase, when appropriate, recycled products.

Please note: The core ICT equipment in schools, which includes the VicSmart router, CASES and edPaSS servers, must be left powered on at ALL times.

A copy of the School Energy Shutdown Guide can be accessed online at:

<http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/edulibrary/public/schadmin/environment/schoolenergyshutdownguide.pdf>

Evaluation

Monitor, review and update the school's Environmental Sustainability Action Plan annually.