



COBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL



ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

POLICY - 2015

Rationale:

At Coburn Primary School an attractive safe and secure physical school environment enhances school pride, lifts morale and provides opportunities for students to develop practical skills and values related to Environmental care, responsibility and improvement.

Aims:

- To provide a safe, attractive and secure physical school environment
- To provide opportunities for students to develop worthwhile skills and values relating to our Schools physical environment and community
- To fully utilise community expertise, and to provide opportunities and community involvement in the ongoing development and improvement of our physical environment

Implementation:

- Develop a strategic plan to engage students via the school's curriculum and Environmental requirements.
- Utilise existing infrastructure and resources to aid in the strategic planning process.
- Environmental agencies (Resource Smart AUSSIVic), experts and interest groups (Melton Environment Group) will have input into the development of the plan and will be utilised at times of specific projects and working bees.
- Involve an existing member of the School Council Building and Grounds sub-committee to work with the environment team on the planning, implementation and development of the existing components associated with the Environment team (Alternatively, re-establish the School Council Buildings and Grounds sub-committee to work in conjunction with the staff Environment team).
- Features of the strategic plan will include the provision of; native vegetation and gardens to be conducive with our active and passive play areas, shaded areas and exciting playgrounds, existing effective recycling strategies and water collection and conservation. This should link strongly to the curriculum implemented by the school.
- The plan and its goals will form part of the school curriculum and will include student involvement in grounds development, projects, maintenance and whole-school awareness.
- Each completed stage of the plan will be marked by an official celebration and opening, where appropriate.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle. Progress relating to the strategic plan will be annually reported to school council and the community by the Environment committee annexed from the Building and Grounds committee.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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