



## Overview

West Coast Steiner School is committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations by reducing the consumption of energy, water and waste where possible. We will achieve this by continuing to integrate sustainability into all areas of the curriculum and instilling a sense of ownership and pride in improving the environment. We are committed to the implementation of an effective waste management programme.

## Policy

Reduce the amount of waste produced through purchasing policy awareness, operational activity and by raising awareness amongst staff, parents and students.

Re-use or donating to others by considering these options before items are discarded.

Recycling by sorting into waste categories and finding recycling markets for removal.

Educate the school and wider community about waste management via curriculum and sustainability committee.

Risk consideration by considering “end of life” disposal (cost and environmental impact) when making purchasing decisions. Applying best practice to minimise the risks of immediate and future pollution or harm to health and the environment.

## Practices and Procedures

The following practices and procedures are provided to facilitate implementation of the above policy. They do not form part of that policy.

- Actively include sustainability awareness and education into the curriculum.
- Actively support the sustainability committee (Sustainability Circle) with at least one member of staff to be part of the committee.
- Continue the placement of recycling bins and organic waste in each classroom and staffroom. Recycling bins in Administration

- Continue the maintenance of Sustainability Hub and recycling of waste materials into appropriate council and other bins, including items for TerraCycle.
- Regular articles from the Sustainability Circle in school newsletter.
- Encourage the reduction of paper photocopied, online newsletters etc
- Continue to support recycling via containers for change and clothing recycling (SCR group).
- Continue to carry out annual maintenance on solar panels.
- Class 4 responsible for collecting organic waste for the worm farm located in class 1 garden
- Worm farm compost used in the class 4 garden and Class 6 wicking beds
- Continue use of water tank for watering gardens.
- Fortnightly emptying of 660 litre double cardboard bin
- Fortnightly emptying of recycling bin
- Fortnightly emptying of 3m front lift bin, which is sorted for recycling by Instant Waste
- Promote healthy, unprocessed foods without packaging. Packaging that does come to school goes home in lunch boxes.
- Sustainability Circle stalls at Kambarang Fair promoting sustainable flatware and cutlery.

The school may, at any time, make amendments to this policy to ensure continuous improvement. The policy will be reviewed at least once every three years by the School Principal



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