



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Definition:

- Sustainable schools are designed to act as living laboratories to teach and embody eco-friendly initiatives that reduce our environmental impact.

Rationale:

- Leongatha Primary School aims to become a Sustainable School by reducing our ecological footprint through adopting sustainable practices in our everyday lives. We will achieve this by integrating sustainability across the curriculum and instilling a sense of ownership of, and pride in improving the environment. We will lead the community by demonstrating exemplary practices in waste management, water and energy usage, and develop the school grounds to promote biodiversity.

Aims:

Energy

- Reduce the use of energy consumption within the school
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible
- Include students, staff and community members in the process of developing and maintaining an Energy Efficient school
- Reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions

Waste

- Reduce the amount of waste produced at the school.
- Recycle our waste throughout the school, as much as possible.
- Work with suppliers and the school community to ensure less waste materials come into the school.
- Students to take responsibility for disposing of all waste in the appropriate manner
- Involve students, staff and community members in the planning of waste reduction initiatives

Biodiversity

- Maintain and extend a garden plan for the future development of our school grounds
- Utilise our garden area to its full extent in a range of curriculum areas
- Involve students, staff and community members in the development and maintenance of the school grounds

Water

- Reduce the water waste within the school
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible
- Involve students, staff and community members in the planning of water conservation initiatives

Implementation:

- Develop and implement an Environmental Sustainability Management Plan.
- Work with Department of Education and Local Council's sustainability programs and initiatives such as ResourceSmart Schools or available grants.
- Ensure students, staff and community members have a say in the plan and throughout implementation of any programs and initiatives including
 - * Having a student group with Grade 6 sustainability captains with at least one staff member, that meet regularly
 - * Having the Sustainable Schools Committee staff and community group that meet regularly

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed with whole staff, student, parent and community input as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 9th December, 2019