



SUBIACO PRIMARY SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

RATIONALE

Subiaco Primary School is committed to a whole-school approach to environmental education, of which waste minimisation, litter reduction and water wise practices play a vital role. We believe the teaching and learning environment should be safe, caring and clean for all members of the school community.

BELIEFS

At Subiaco Primary School we are committed to ensuring we are a litter free school and one that will rethink the products we purchase, reduce the amount of waste we create, reuse as much as possible and recycle whatever we can. We do this so we can minimise the amount of waste we take to landfill.

This will lead to financial savings for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and most importantly many varied opportunities for students to develop ecologically-sound attitudes and habits.

It is also the aim of Subiaco Primary School to have the least amount of litter in the school buildings and grounds. This will make our school more attractive and save money and time in collecting carelessly discarded litter. It is important from a health viewpoint.

We aim for students to realise the importance of valuing and conserving the clean drinking water that is not always enjoyed in other parts of the world.

GOALS

In implementing our policy we strive to achieve the following goals:

- Develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values in our students;
- Teach, demonstrate and reinforce the health and safety procedures when participating in Waste Wise Programs;
- Educate the school and wider community about the waste wise/water wise/energy wise messages;
- To support pupils in taking responsibility for a sustainable world;
- To educate students and wider community about water use and conservation in accordance with membership - *Water wise Schools Program and Waste Wise Schools program*
- Continue to reduce waste generated at school to as low as practically possible;
- Examine and audit the waste collected to reduce and re-educate where necessary;
- To assess energy and resource efficiency of school buildings and equipment and improve efficiency where practically possible; and
- Enhance the beauty of Subiaco Primary School.

OUTLINE OF PLAN

1. Placement of paper recycling bins in every room.
2. Continue weekly collection of recycling bins from rooms and sort into Council Recycling Bins.
3. Continued promotion of environmental days, such as: World Environment Day, Keep Australia Beautiful Week, Walk Week, National Recycling Week.
4. Membership of the REmida creative reuse centre and use of REmida materials by classes.

5. Communication of sustainability – E News section of school newsletter with E tips and other relevant information.
6. Conduct a Waste Wise Audit of the school as required, to determine what additional action could be undertaken.
7. Promote more sustainable methods of purchasing and packing school lunchboxes.
8. Encourage the reduction in the amount of paper photocopied eg Encourage staff and students to print on both sides; email newsletters; develop paper-free teaching methods.
9. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math activities.eg Bottle tops, cardboard cylinder rolls, small boxes.
10. Enhance the beauty and cleanliness of the school grounds.eg designated eating areas; discourage parking on the grassed areas
11. Reuse the food scraps collected during the day from lunches.eg vegie gardens with composting area; acquire compost bins.
12. Reduce the amount of energy used by the school for heating by encouraging the wearing of appropriate clothing for weather conditions.
13. Include curriculum water based learning activities as appropriate.
14. Encourage water saving practices amongst school community.