



### **Rationale:**

To help to promote an environmentally conscious school that engages in a range of sustainable practices wherever possible.

### **Aims:**

- To minimise waste produced by the school going to landfill and increase the percentage of material that is reused and recycled
- To decrease the amount of energy that the school uses through greater efficiency and better practices.
- To minimise the consumption of mains water at the school and to utilise other sources such as tank and stormwater to assist in this reduction.
- Environmentally sustainable design principles will be considered in the planning, design and construction of all new and upgraded school facilities to maximise the efficiency of their operation.
- To encourage active travel to and from school.

### **Implementation:**

#### **The School will**

- Facilitate and encourage the implementation of a range of strategies to reduce resource use and increase our biodiversity
- Provide the necessary funding to implement these strategies on an ongoing basis
- Encourage community participation in our environmental projects and strategies and encourage similar strategies to be undertaken at home

#### **Teachers will**

- Ensure that the objectives outlined above are incorporated into the curriculum to ensure that all children understand the importance of sustainability
- Encourage children to become more environmentally aware and actively involved in sustainable activities
- Model appropriate sustainable practices to the children at school

#### **Students will**

- Participate in activities and strategies that help to increase the school's sustainability
- Become actively involved in, or support, the practices and activities of the School Environmental Leaders
- Assist with litter reduction, water and energy conservation through habitual practices

#### **References**

Appendix A - Specific Strategies and Targets Appendix B - Green Procurement Guidelines

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

### **Date Ratified:**

09.06.2015