



Sustainability and Environment Management Policy (SEMP)

Policy

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This policy was last ratified by School Council on 4/6/18

Rationale:

As part of our commitment to being a ResourceSmart School we are required to have an Environment Management Policy.

Mt Eliza Primary School recognises that 'Sustainability and the Environment' plays a vital role today and in the future. The 'Sustainability and Environment Program' gives the students an opportunity to take charge of their future local and global environments and to create environmentally, socially and financially responsible citizens.

As part of Mt Eliza Primary School's environmental commitment we will endeavor to practise waste wise initiatives, promote energy efficiency, reduce water usage, increase biodiversity in the school gardens and encourage community practice in sustainability. Sustainability is now recognised as a Cross Curricula Priority in the Victorian Curriculum.

Aims:

To provide opportunities for students, staff and parents to become aware of global environmental and sustainability issues.

- **To encourage students to take responsibility for themselves and their environment:**
 - Promote whole school awareness through the Mt Eliza Environment Team (MEET).
- **Energy:**
 - Reduce the costs of energy consumption within our school.
- **Water:**
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- **Biodiversity:**
 - Create an environmental haven for students, staff and parents to enjoy.
- **Waste:**
 - Minimise and recycle our waste as much as possible on a daily basis.

Implementation:

The Sustainability and Environment leader has a responsibility to facilitate:

- the knowledge, understandings and skills of Sustainability as a cross-Curriculum Priority.
- keep up-to-date and show progression in the ResourceSmart program.

The Sustainability and Environment Committee has a responsibility to:

- Co-ordinate teacher reference material.
- Show progress in the ResourceSmart program.
- Support the students in the Mt Eliza Environment Team (M.E.E.T.).
- Participate in relevant Professional Development.
- Co-ordinate Program Budget.

