



Clifton Creek Primary School is a ResourceSmart School

Environmental Policy June 2009

Basic Beliefs

- Schools make an impact, both negative and positive, on the environment, through their use of resources and the production of waste.
- Schools can affect the biodiversity of the area, both positively and negatively, due to the attention paid to biodiversity, and the school's interaction with it.
- Schools are places where the education and implementation of sustainable practices can be introduced and consolidated through Prep – Grade 6 curriculum.
- Schools can be leaders in educating the wider community.
- Sustainability encompasses environment, economy and community.
- The School Environment Program will include the whole school community.

Purpose:

- To develop an environmentally conscious school culture.
- To become an attractive and healthier environment.
- To minimise the schools negative impact on the environment through practices that reduce waste output, reduce water and energy consumption and increase biodiversity.
- To increase sustainable practices which benefit the environment.
- Enable students to carry these attributes beyond the school environment.

Implementation

- The school is registered with the Resourcesmart Schools program which will guide the improvement of sustainable practices through 5 modules.
- The school has formed an Enviro Group consisting of a co-ordinator, students, staff, teachers; business manager; cleaner, parents and school councillors. This group will lead the program.
- Membership of the Enviro Group will be open for changes annually.
- Sustainability will be incorporated in the Prep – Grade 6 curriculum.
- All students will be Environmental Monitors once per year.
- A system of rewards and recognition will be presented to students for demonstrating environmental achievements.
- Activities and programs will occur regularly to promote awareness of environmental issues. These events will become a calendar item each term, such as rubbish free lunches, Clean Up Australia Day.
- Financial benefits generated through recycling programs will fund environmental projects.

Evaluation

The Enviro Group will oversee the monitoring and evaluating of the schools participation in the Resourcesmart Schools program. This will include:

- Annual review of this policy
- Annual review of strategic environmental management plan (SEMP).
- Annual audit of action plans for each module.