



**Rationale:**

- \* In accordance with our school's value of respect, Tallygaroopna Primary School hopes to instil a culture where all students, staff and the broader school community are doing their share to contribute to a healthy planet. By making the best use of resources, our students become more aware of their environment, become more responsible and respectful members of the community

**Aims:**

- To develop an environmentally conscious culture at Tallygaroopna Primary School and its surrounding community.
- To minimise landfill waste and increase the percentage of material that is reused, recycled and composted.
- To reduce the amount of energy used per year through smarter practices, greater efficiency and the installation of solar panels.
- To increase the biodiversity and habitat quality score of the school grounds.
- To minimise consumption of mains water.
- To introduce 'green purchasing' procedures in order to reduce environmental impacts.

**Implementation:**

- Curriculum delivery will incorporate elements of sustainability at all year levels using a hands-on approach to education i.e. Tree Planting Day.
- Our school will engage in daily sustainable practices that incorporate environmentally-friendly behaviours by utilizing systems i.e. recycle bins, green waste bins, soft plastics recycling (Redcycle), batteries (Aldi), cardboard only skip bin.
- Include the whole school community in the process of developing an 'Energy Efficient' school.
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible. Ensure lights, heaters and coolers are switched off when rooms are not in use and choose the most appropriate energy saving methods available.
- Encourage an appreciation of the natural environment through learning experiences e.g. curriculum, excursions and school camps.
- Maintain a vegetable garden, maintain areas planted with indigenous/drought-tolerant plants and remove noxious weeds from the school grounds to increase biodiversity
- Appreciate water as a precious natural resource, continue to monitor SWEP and find the cause of any water spikes and choose the most effective means of conserving water (e.g. mulching garden beds)
- Investigate the purchasing of more environmentally-friendly products i.e. copy paper

**Evaluation:**

- The annual school Budget review will provide recommendations which may be used to affect policy change in the future.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.
- This policy was last ratified by School Council on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019.