

Sustainable School Events Policy – Tallygaroopna PS



Events held at Tallygaroopna PS will be planned and undertaken in such a way that their impact on the environment is minimised. This includes sending minimum waste to landfill, recycling and composting where applicable, using minimum energy to run the event, ensuring water is not wasted and maintaining the biodiversity of the event venue.

This policy is in line with the school's vision statement as worded in the School Environment Management Plan.

The aim of running sustainable school events is to ensure the least environmental impact whilst delivering high quality and engaging events. Embedding sustainability from the planning stage will encourage discussions around reducing consumption and will lead to behaviour change in students, staff and others over time.

To achieve a sustainable event, Tallygaroopna PS will discuss the requirements with organisers and vendors prior to confirmation of the event or any services. Ideally:

- Information stating that this is a sustainable event will be provided in all marketing materials.
- Events will be held outside, where natural light can be utilised.
- Vendors will reduce packaging and waste from their products/services or use recyclable/biodegradable packaging where unavoidable.
- Appropriate signage on bins including compost, recycling and general waste will be in place.
- Where water is required, taps and fittings will be checked for leaks and where necessary, replaced prior to the event. Dry (non-water) cleaning methods will be encouraged and water conservation signage will be in place in public areas.
- Events will leave no environmental footprint. During set up sensitive areas will be cordoned off to avoid human impact, trees will not be damaged and the ground will be assessed for suitability. During pack up waste will be collected and properly disposed of, cleaning materials will be properly disposed of and damage to vegetation will be avoided.
- Native vegetation will be planted to offset any carbon emissions from these events.

At the conclusion of the event:

- Water fixtures should be checked for damage.
- Energy consumption should be reviewed, with the aim of identifying future savings.

This policy will be reviewed to assess suitability for Tallygaroopna PS events and gauge successes in holding sustainable school events.

Evaluation:

- This policy was ratified by School Council on Wed 8th June 2016.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle and feedback will be sought from the School Community.