



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Rationale:

Kambrya College is conscious of its current environmental state and the major effect it has on student learning and the well-being of the school community. Kambrya College would like to promote ecologically sustainable behaviour and create an awareness that engages students, staff, parents and the wider school community in creating a healthier school environment.

Aims:

- To promote environmentally sustainable behaviour for the school population and the surrounding community
- To maintain a healthy school environment
- To develop strategies to promote the theme; rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle
- To develop and enrich curriculum to encompass themes of sustainability throughout Middle and Later Years programs

Implementation:

- To use natural light where possible and utilise energy saving lighting to reduce energy use
- To plant indigenous trees and plants that will attract native wildlife and increase biodiversity
- Provide substantially quieter areas, where students can rest, eat and be protected from summer sun
- To ensure that sporting grounds are improved for the overall safe use of students
- To supply additional rubbish bins in the more populated areas of school grounds
- To engage the whole school community in environmental fundraising; collected moneys to be utilised for environmental improvements
- To provide outdoor eating areas that are under cover
- To provide recycling facilities that will reduce recyclables going to waste as well as provide income for the school
- Installing more rainwater tanks to reduce mains water consumption
- Promote school greening projects such as tree planting and sustainable vegetable growing
- Purchase recycled goods where possible to reduce waste
- Make use where possible of north facing buildings in collecting solar light for heating water and generating power
- Introduce environmental curriculum into all year levels and Key Learning Areas
- Register Kambrya College into the Sustainable Schools Program to foster sustained interest and behaviour that supports a "green school"
- Provide tools and equipment that enables environmental work to be carried out safely and effectively
- Celebrate environmental achievements on an ongoing basis

Evaluation:

- The environment policy will be reviewed annually and recommendations made where appropriate
- A school waste audit will be administered annually
- Environmental curriculum will be reviewed annually and changes made where needed

This policy was last ratified by College Council in

August 2007