GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

Brunswick Secondary College committed to considering the environmental, social and financial impacts of the goods and services we purchase. We recognise that our daily purchasing decisions have the potential to impact people and the environment, locally and globally. We believe that sustainable, or ‘green,’ purchasing is a practical way for Brunswick Secondary College to make a positive difference and creates an opportunity to demonstrate leadership within the community.

By adopting a Green Purchasing Policy, the School aims to:

- Reduce overall consumption
- Decrease our greenhouse gas emissions
- Maximise energy and water efficiency
- Eliminate unnecessary purchasing
- Increase the use of renewable, recycled, recyclable, and biodegradable products
- Promote long-lasting, high quality, reusable products
- Reduce waste to landfill
- Reduce the presence of toxic and hazardous materials in schools
- Improve environmental health
- Improve human health
- Maximise local purchases and fair trade opportunities
- Demonstrate community leadership in stimulating markets for sustainable products

The School is committed to the use and purchase of environmentally and socially responsible materials, products and services whenever they perform satisfactorily, are safe and are value for money over the lifetime of the product. We will make use of the School’s Green Purchasing Guidelines when purchasing goods, materials and services, and will create and maintain a list of appropriate suppliers for ease of purchasing.

We will make use of school newsletters and our sustainability website pages to inform parents and the wider community of green procurement initiatives and to encourage the adoption of these practices.

Brunswick Secondary College ‘s environment committee will oversee the monitoring and evaluation of this policy, the creation of Green Purchasing Guidelines and the maintenance of a list of appropriate suppliers.

All purchases at Brunswick Secondary College must be carried out in accordance with the purchasing procedures set out in Section 6 of the Finance Manual.