SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Rationale
Brunswick Secondary College is committed to providing a safe and welcoming learning environment academically, emotionally and socially. Our aim is to develop young people with the strong sense of values and the learning that allows them to contribute positively within their community. The purpose of the Sustainability Policy is to develop a physical environment in the school that encourages pride and ownership of our surroundings and exemplifies and embeds sustainable practices. Knowledge of the environment and of sustainable practices is the responsibility of all Learning Areas across the curriculum.

Purpose
To develop an environmentally conscious school community that engages in a range of sustainable practices wherever possible. BSC aims to reduce its ecological footprint thereby redirecting its resources to learning, and to educate students in making environmentally friendly choices.

Guidelines

Energy
- Reduce energy consumption within the school.
- Use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible.
- Include students in the process of developing and maintaining an energy efficient school.
- Reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Waste
- To minimise rubbish and recycle our waste throughout the school, as much as possible, including paper recycling bins.
- To include the students in the process of developing good waste disposal practices.
- Students to take individual responsibility for disposing of food scraps, paper and other rubbish in the appropriate manner.
- For canteen to promote & use packaging which is biodegradable or which can be recycled where possible.

Biodiversity
- To improve our outdoor natural environment by planting trees that are suitable to our environment and which require minimal water.
- To use materials which reduce the impact on the environment wherever possible.
- To educate students about the importance of biodiversity.

Water
- To reduce the water consumption within the school.
- To use resources and equipment as efficiently as possible.
- To involve students and staff in the planning of water conservation initiatives.

Aims & Targets
We aim to achieve the following goals and targets over the next four years:
- To complete an audit of education about environment and sustainability in the curriculum.
- To reduce waste by 25%.
- To reduce water consumption by 20%.
- To reduce energy consumption by 25%.
**Evaluation**

The Environment & Sustainability Committee will monitor and measure targets.

**Review**

The Sustainability Policy will be reviewed and altered as needed every 4 years in line with the School Strategic Plan.

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