

Environment Policy

Formulated by: College Executive

Mission Statement

In the Franciscan tradition, matter matters. Our environment is part of God's creation and so we need to do all we can to care for it.

Intentions

Ave Maria College recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment. The College wishes to set high standards and to strive to reduce its impact on the environment.

The College is committed to achieving an industry best practice position in terms of environmental outcomes, and it will endeavour to implement ecologically sustainable development principles (including water and energy reduction and waste minimisation) into its normal operation. The College will also encourage its contractors to adopt a similar commitment to the environment.

Consequences

The College will:

1. Expect all staff, students, volunteers and contractors to support this environment policy.
2. Enable the participation of staff and students in developing and reviewing the *Environmental Management Plan*.
3. Comply with the relevant Environmental Legislation.
4. Work with regulators, government bodies and the local community to achieve positive environmental outcomes.
5. Establish measurable environmental objectives and targets aimed at reducing the impact of College activities on the environment.
6. Monitor attainment of environmental objectives and targets. Celebrate achievements.
7. Conduct cyclical reviews of the *Environmental Management Plan*.

This policy is an integral part of the Ave Maria College focus on the future and intends that there will be an ongoing commitment to the sustainable environmental practices.

Ratified by: Board of Governance

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