



Warracknabeal Secondary College Green Procurement Policy

Rationale:

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to a future in which all Victorians are living sustainably within their natural and built environments.

Aims:

Warracknabeal Secondary College will focus on sustainability as a key driver in its own activities and to be leaders in best practise environmental management. To do this we will develop a School Environment Management Plan and support it with appropriate procurement procedures and practices to minimise the consumption of energy, water and other resources including paper; and to minimise the generation of waste.

Implementation:

These will include:

a) Making environmentally sound purchasing decisions;

- I. Purchasing decisions will be made in the context of the waste hierarchy to reduce, reuse, recycle,
- II. Purchase energy and water efficient products,
- III. Purchase products made from recycled materials;
- IV. Purchase products that can be recycled;
- V. Purchase indigenous or native plants;
- VI. Where possible, purchase from local suppliers, with a 5% pricing variation permitted.
- VII. Purchase 100% recycled paper,
- VIII. Purchasing decisions will be made on the basis of value for money rather than just the cheapest up-front price,
- IX. Support businesses that also have sound environmental management systems,

b) Investigate the viability of purchasing Green Power or alternative power generation sources;

Ensuring that all contracts incorporate sustainability principles.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Ratified by School Council

Date:

17/8/15.

Signed:

Principal:

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School Council President:

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