

Things to consider for our...

BIODIVERSITY SNAPSHOT



Audit Investigations

- Including auditing in our curriculum using Cool Australia resources www.coolaustralia.org

Habitat Gardens

- Creating and caring for:
 - Indigenous or native gardens
 - Drought tolerant gardens
 - Rain gardens
 - Ponds / frog bogs / wetlands
 - Sensory gardens
 - Butterfly gardens
 - Nest boxes
 - Big rocks and logs ('Lizard Lounges')
 - Organic mulch (leaves, branches)

Food Gardens

- Vegetable/herb gardens
- Indigenous food gardens ("bush tucker")
- Fruit trees and orchards
- Compost bins and worm farms
- Looking after animals eg. chickens, goats

Maintenance & Protection

- Mulching our garden waste
- Protecting gardens with fencing
- Native plant propagation
- Control of weeds
- Soil management / Erosion
- Nature trails / Interpretive signage
- Outside rubbish bins with lids
- Rubbish free lunches

Activating Our Community

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- Articles in school newsletters
- Assembly presentations and performances
- Campaigning and fundraising
- Attending or organising local events
- Attending or organising conferences
- Caring for a local ecosystem
- Tree planting in local area
eg. National Tree Day
- Working with a 'Friends of' or Landcare group
- Participating in Clean Up Australia Day
- Adopting a threatened species or supporting a

Student Leadership & Celebration

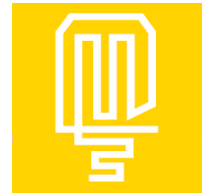
- Student ownership
- Student leaders and role-models
- Student teams and clubs
- Sustainability listed on our school website
- Sharing our stories on the Sustainability Hub - <http://ceres.sustainability.org.au>
- Entering awards, competitions and grants
- Being part of Cool Australia's EnviroWeek (24th - 30th August)
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ENERGY SNAPSHOT



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Computers and Electronic Equipment

- Computers, screens, laptops, tablets
- Projectors and interactive whiteboards
- Photocopyers, printers
- Sleep, standby, shutdown systems
- Timers and 'eco' modes
- 4 or 5 star rated appliances

Lighting

- Turning off lights
- Natural lighting eg. windows, sky lights
- Sensor lights and timers
- Energy efficient light bulbs
- Light fittings with mirrors / reflectors
- Removing lights that aren't needed
- Blinds
- Tree shade

Heating and Cooling

- Air-conditioners and heaters
- Ceiling fans
- Thermometers
- Hot water heating
- Windows and doors for cooling/heating
- Double glazing
- Insulation
- Tree shade
- Draft proofing

Renewable Energy

- Solar panels
- Solar hot water
- Solar powered equipment
- Wind turbine

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- Tree planting in local area to carbon offset eg. National Tree Day
- WithOneSeed carbon offsetting in East Timor
- Community transport initiatives
- Earth Hour

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Waste Systems - Landfill and Recycling

- Bins clearly labelled with signs
- Co-mingled recycling bins (mixed waste)
- Collecting food scraps
- Compost bins and worm farms
- Chickens and other animals
- Garden waste composted or mulched

Waste Systems - Electronic Waste

- Ink and toner recycling or refilling
- Computer and tablet recycling
- Mobile phone recycling

Waste Systems - Paper

- Electronic newsletters
- Electronic bulletins and memos
- Interactive whiteboards
- Electronic reports and assignments
- Paper re-use trays or tubs
- Double-sided printing/photocopying
- Paper and cardboard recycling bins

Waste Systems - Reusing

- Furniture / equipment reused or donated
- Materials collected for art projects etc.

Waste Systems - Litter

- Outside bins with lids
- Rubbish free lunches
- Reusable drink bottles
- Take in and take home lunch rubbish
- Picking up litter not a punishment
- Litter signage on storm water drains

Green Purchasing

- Post-consumer paper products (instead of paper made from forests)
- Phosphate-free cleaning products
- Plastic-free canteen containers
- Palm-oil free biscuits
- Fair Trade coffee and tea
- Fair Trade soccer balls from Etiko

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- Clean Up Australia Day
- Collecting items for charity
- Zoos Victoria campaign – They're Calling On You (mobile phone recycling)

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Water Efficiency - Mains Water

- Leaks identified and fixed quickly
- Flow restrictor taps
- Tap timers or auto shut off taps
- 4, 5 or 6 star rated appliances
- Dual flush toilets
- Waterless urinals or composting toilets
- Water pressure adjusted

Water Efficiency - Water Collection

- Water tanks
- Reusing grey water
- Buckets under taps

Water Efficiency - Storm Water

- Storm water
- Litter in yard
- Litter traps
- Signage on storm water drains

Water Efficiency - Gardens

- Composting and mulching
- Local, drought tolerant plants
- Subsurface, drip or timed irrigation
- Rain sensors
- Watered by tank water

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