

PHILOSOPHY

Stratford Primary School is committed to sustainable practices within its community. It will endeavour to purchase 'green products' in order to reduce its environmental impact.

PURPOSE

Stratford Primary School wishes to reduce its ecological footprint and to educate students on making environmentally friendly choices for life.

GUIDELINES

Stratford Primary School wishes to purchase environmentally preferred products whenever they perform satisfactorily and are available at a reasonable price. Sustainable practices will benefit Stratford Primary School and the environment by:

- Supporting the school in being a leader in the education of sustainable development;
- Creating a more engaging learning environment for students;
- Focusing on student involvement and learning;
- Creating flow-on effects from the school to the local community;
- Involving the whole school community including students, teachers, non-teaching staff and parents in sustainable practices;
- Minimising greenhouse gas emissions, habitat destruction, toxicity, soil degradation and maximise water efficiency.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Green Purchasing Policy are to:

- Eliminate unnecessary purchasing;
- Reduce our impact on the environment;
- Reduce our impact on human health;
- Develop a green purchasing culture throughout our school.

IMPLEMENTATION

To achieve the above objectives, Stratford Primary School will, when feasible:

- Educate staff to raise awareness about this policy;
- Ensure that all staff, where appropriate, have access to information on environmentally preferred products;
- Require that all contractors and consultants are aware of the current purchasing policy and green purchasing options and work with our school community to meet the objectives of the Green Purchasing Policy within their contracts;
- Encourage staff to find and share information about recycled and environmentally preferable products and specifications;
- Set printers to double sided print as default;
- Purchase furniture and equipment made from recycled materials.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated in 2021 and is scheduled for review in 2024