

Our vision is to develop a culture within our school community that recognises the shared responsibility to reduce our environmental footprint and promote the educational value of sustainability. We intend to create a balanced and equitable approach to the development of ecological programs within our curriculum that will enable our students to become informed, responsible, resourceful, and respectful global citizens. As a Lasallian school we are called to promote the active participation of its students in their formative process

“Good education plants seeds when we are young, and these continue to bear fruit throughout life.” Pope Francis, Laudato Si’ n213

“Example makes a much greater impression on the mind and the heart than words, especially for children” St. John Baptist de La Salle, Meditations for the Time of Retreat, 202.3.2

<p>Eco Squad Contact Teacher Team:</p> <p>Catherine Pearce Robyn Palmer Bridget Kearins Robert Dempsey</p>	<p>Eco Squad Student Members:</p> <p>All students from Year 7 – 12 are welcome to join our Eco Squad.</p> <p>We meet every Tuesday and Friday lunch in the Eco Squad garden.</p>	<p>Responsibilities:</p> <p>Activities including;</p> <p>Manage fruit trees and vegetable plots Maintain Reflective Garden Grow seedlings for veggie patch Manage butterfly gardens Manage worm farms and compost bins Propagate indoor plants for classrooms Participate in environmental events Promote introduction of any new environmental projects Ensure all yard bins have recycling stickers Educate in waste management Assist Primary Youth Environmental Leaders with Sustainability Day Participate in eco friendly upcycling activities and crafts Decorate garden beds</p>
<p>Cross-Curricular Connections</p> <p>Food Technology Geography STEM Program Design and Technology Science History</p>		

Specific area	2023 achievements	2024 targets
<p>Garden</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Installed 4 new climbing structures Installation of new robot garden Revegetation of garden near staff carpark Collecting own seeds and growing seedlings Increasing colour in the garden through artwork such as mosaics and painting garden beds Year 9 Geography Sustainable Food production lessons in the garden Workshop with “Bringing Back the Butterflies” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build undercover area/outdoor classroom in Eco Squad garden Increase the amount of foods supplied to Food Tech kitchen Grow edible flowers for Food Tech Increase the usage of bush tucker foods grown by our Eco Squad Learn how to use our new robot garden Increase amount of seedlings grown on propagation table Continue painting garden plots Create garden signage for composting and sustainable gardening practices
<p>Eco Initiatives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in Rise Up Tree Planting Day Assist Primary Youth Environmental Leaders with running Sustainability Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the range of craft/maker activities. Green Adelaide bus tour with Primary Environmental students

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Clean Up Australia Day • Participate in National Tree Planting Day • Made beeswax wraps • Made hanging pots from old t shirts • Gifted succulents to new Year 7s • 2 participants in the Youth Environment Council of South Australia. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Clean Up Australia Day • Participate in Primary Sustainability Day • Increase the amount of indoor plants in classrooms. • Reintroduce making of natural personal care products. • Supply Food Tech with products to sell at their Henley Market Stall • Weave bowls from natural fibres
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red landfill bins removed from yard • New yellow yard bins purchased • Coffee pod recycling bin in staff room • Extra green composting bin for maintenance staff • SMC reusable coffee cups for sale • Started making reusable bags out of old t shirts for uniform shop 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve use of green yard bins • Introduce smaller lime green yard bins and educate on the importance of composting. • Ensure green compostable bags and white bags are used in staff room and food tech areas. • Monitor waste through Veolia Ecologic on line system • Kesab visit • Introduce reusable mug library at LEC Cafe
Community Connections		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of school and community network for future redevelopment of the garden.