

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 Teacher Team:</p> <p>Catherine Pearce Robyn Palmer Bridget Kearins Robert Dempsey Domna Taverna Kim Franks Becky Parker Sharina Rabusic Greg Cloy Tasha Pulombo</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>Manage fruit trees and vegetable plots Maintain Reflective Garden Maintain Hydroponics Garden Feed fish and yabbies in Aquaponics tank 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 adequate signage Educate in waste management Assist Primary Youth Environmental Leaders with Sustainability Day Participate in eco friendly upcycling activities and crafts Decorate garden beds</p>
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Specific area	2024 achievements	2025 targets
<p>Garden, including Hydroponics & Aquaponics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Construction Team built an undercover area/outdoor classroom in the garden Design and Technology Staff and students built an Aquaponics tank Design and Technology Staff and students built a Hydroponics garden Students taught how to grow herbs in a Hydroponics garden Successful growing of herbs in Farm Bot garden Students taught how to water and plant using the farm bot Construction of a new garden bed Increased the amount of foods supplied to Food Tech kitchen Edible flowers grown for Food Technology Kitchen Successful growth of bush tucker garden Propagation of indoor plants for distribution to staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students to continue to be trained in ongoing management of the Hydroponics and Aquaponics systems Eco Squad and Science classes to learn how to monitor water quality in Aquaponics Continue to increase the amount of foods supplied to the Food Tech kitchen Grow more edible flowers for Food Tech Grow more bush tucker foods Continue to learn how to use our farm bot robot garden Increase amount of seedlings grown on the propagation table Continue painting garden plots Create garden signage for composting and sustainable gardening practices

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased the amount of seedlings grown on propagation table Continued painting garden plots 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish new raised garden bed
Eco Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisted the Primary Youth Environmental Leaders with running Sustainability Day Gave garden tours and ran activities for students from several primary schools, who were visiting with Green Adelaide Participated in Clean Up Australia Day Participated in National Tree Planting Day Made natural citrus lip balms Made hanging pots from old t shirts Bowl weaving using raffia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in new Green Adelaide Youth program with our Primary Youth Environmental Leaders Participate in Clean Up Australia Day Participate in Primary Sustainability Day Continue to increase the amount of indoor plants in classrooms and staff areas Make more natural personal care products Supply Food Tech with products to sell at their Henley Beach Market Stall Weave bowls from natural fibres
Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only compostable cups are used in the Canteen and Cafe No red landfill bins are in the yard 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"> Better signage on all indoor recycling and landfill bins Add signage to all paper towel bins in toilets Ensure green and yellow yard bins are always grouped together Investigate better bin systems for the yard with consultation from Kesab and Maintenance staff Improve the use of green yard bins with more education Educate on the importance of composting Replace oval green bins with yellow bins Ensure green compostable bags and white bags are used in the staff room and food tech areas Ensure the correct use of bags and bins in Canteen and Cafe Monitor waste through Veolia Ecologic on line system Introduce reusable mug library at LEC Cafe Possible whole school Kesab or Veolia presentation at assembly
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teach Eco Squad how to monitor school energy use Conduct a whole school energy audit
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wicking systems used in all Eco Squad garden beds Small wicking beds built using materials destined for landfill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a whole school water use audit Research rainwater tanks for our garden Check if any wicking beds need to be fixed/replaced
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Geography and Science lessons have taken place in the garden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to increase the amount of classes accessing our garden Train Inclusive Ed Team and Counsellors in use of the garden Conduct wellbeing incursions in the garden Create proposal for chickens as a joint wellbeing initiative with the Inclusive Ed Team