

GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICY

Rationale

Aireys Inlet Primary School is committed to reducing our environmental impact. The purpose of this document is to assist in making informed choices when purchasing goods and service in line with the schools overriding procurement policy while considering the schools' long-term sustainability objectives.

Aims

- To encourage the sustainable use of resources
- Reduce our schools' environmental impact (ecological footprint)
- Eliminate unnecessary purchasing
- Reduce waste to landfill
- Improve environmental and human health
- Support sustainable long-term markets for recyclable materials
- Contribute to community progress towards sustainability

Implementation

Below is a suggested list of key criteria against which goods, manufacturers and suppliers can be assessed against, before Aireys Inlet Primary School staff, school council and parents and friends club purchase products, materials and services.

- Conduct a needs assessment (is there an alternative, repairs, what is the educational rationale)
- Can it be reused or recycled at 'end of life'?
- Is it made of recycled content - or use a minimum amount of virgin material?
- Is it non-toxic in its use and disposal (for example, pesticides, non-biodegradable)
- Does it help protect biodiversity and minimise habitat destruction?
- Is it made locally/Australian made?
- Does it minimise unnecessary packaging? Can the item be bought in bulk?
- Provide long term value for money (expected life cycle)?
- Do the suppliers/manufacturers practice 'fair trade' principles and have a sound sustainability record?
- Does it use the least amount of energy and water in its manufacture?

Related Policies

- Procurement Policy
- Sustainability Policy
- Landscape Management Policy

Evaluation

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council - **February 2020**