

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

### Purpose

This policy aims to actively build and guide environmental sustainability into the framework of everyday school and community life, encompassing the natural and built environment.

Damascus College recognises and accepts our responsibility to care for and ensure stewardship of the native bushland, traditionally cared for by the Wautherung people, and subsequently bequeathed to the Sisters of Mercy by Mary Fanning.

### Scope

This policy covers all members of the College community including staff, students and all those who make use of the facilities and environment.

### Policy Statement

Damascus College will ensure the adoption of a whole school approach to environmental sustainability.

Damascus College will work towards becoming an environmentally sustainable College.

Damascus College commits to giving due consideration to social, spiritual and economic factors in all decision making relating to environmental sustainability.

Damascus College aims to develop students who are positive contributors to our global community, who have an awareness and respect for the environment and are ready to take positive action in caring for our planet.

Damascus College will aspire to educate the wider community on how to live more sustainably.

### Consequences

Damascus College will provide time and resources to support the implementation of a whole school approach to environmental sustainability.

Damascus College will manage the school's facilities and resource use, in order to save energy and water, to conserve biodiversity, reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions.

Damascus College will promote the school's environmental commitment to the broader community

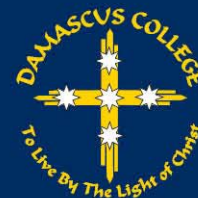
### Responsibilities

The Principal and the Leadership team are responsible for the implementation of this policy.

### Associated Document

Education for Sustainability in Schools

Living Sustainably: The Australian Government's National Action Plan for Education for Sustainability (2009)



Educating for a Sustainable Future: A National Environmental Education Statement for Australian Schools (2005)

Our Environment, Our Future - Environmental Sustainability Action Statement, Victorian Government (2006)

Victorian Sustainability in Schools State Steering Committee's Strategic Action Plan 2008-09, 2010-2011.

Looking Ahead: DEECD's Environmental Sustainability Strategy (2009)

Christian Education for Sustainability Curriculum Framework, Catholic Education, Sandhurst.