



# Green Events

## POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Ocean Grove Primary School.

## Rationale

Ocean Grove Primary School recognises the importance of becoming a sustainable school for the benefit of the Earth's environmental health. By managing resources efficiently and embedding education and sustainable practices, we will motivate the whole school community to live more sustainably.

We honour and draw upon the knowledge of the First Nations people and their relationship with the land. We believe that fostering a positive attitude and appreciation of sustainable environmental practice is vital to the development of our students, will contribute towards the health of our community, and reduce our impact on the Earth.

## School sustainability vision and principles

Ocean Grove Primary School aspires to reduce our ecological footprint through adopting sustainable practices in our everyday operations. We will achieve this by continuing to integrate sustainability into all areas of the curriculum and instilling a sense of ownership and pride in improving the environment within our school and community. We will promote sustainable practices within the community through inclusive exemplary practices in waste management, water and energy usage, and continue to develop the school grounds to improve biodiversity.

## Aims

- To keep waste and litter to a minimum at school events with the aim of making all school events waste free.
- To investigate how school events can have a minimal impact on the environment.

- To minimise resource use at school events.
- To promote the value of living sustainably during school events.

## Implementation

### Advertising

- Consider electronic advertising of the event where possible.
- Ensure printed materials are not laminated so they can be recycled.
- Communicate sustainability actions implemented at the event to attendees and any contractors/vendors (such as bring a keep cup and refillable bottle).
- Promote active transport options.

### Green purchasing

- Consider the school's existing Green Purchasing Policy when making purchases for the event.
- Consider sustainable fundraising options such as second-hand stalls, and sustainable consumables.
- Consider reducing the purchase of disposable items such as showbags and favours.

### Water

- Liaise with the water supplier to establish ways to reduce water usage at the event.

### Waste

- Ban single use plastic at the event (as per Victorian legislation February 2023).
- Liaise with local council/waste contractor to ensure sufficient bins at the event.
- Set up a 'waste station' to include recycling, composting, food scraps and landfill and include interpretive signage to ensure correct bins are used.
- Use decorations that are reusable/recyclable.

## Energy

- Monitor energy use, particularly from outside vendors, to minimise resource use.
- Encourage outside vendors to use their own solar energy source where practical.

## Biodiversity

- Ensure natural habitat areas of the school grounds are protected.

## Community leadership/sustainability promotion

- Promote sustainability actions implemented at this event to the wider community.
- Include stall holders and stakeholders in the promotional activities.
- Use the opportunity to highlight the school's broader sustainability achievements.
- Sustainability Policy
- Green Purchasing Policy
- Victoria's Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Single-Use Plastic Items) Regulations 2022
- ResourceSmart Schools Online: [my.resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au](https://my.resourcesmartschools.vic.gov.au)
- Sustainability Victoria: [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools](https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/schools)

## Links and documents related to this policy

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## Endorsement

This policy will be reviewed biannually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2025
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	October 2028