Rationale:
Human impact upon the earth significantly affects its sustainability. As a Catholic school we believe in the importance of our human stewardship of God’s creation.

Aims:
The purpose of this policy is to develop an appreciation of our environment and implement sustainable practices.

Implementation:
- Our school has a commitment to environmental conservation by minimising waste and implementing sustainable practices.

Waste
- Develop a waste wise ethic within the school community.
- Maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing learning environment through the reduction of waste and litter.
- Practice waste wise principles of reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Reduce the cost of waste management.
- Maintain, improve and monitor the school composting system.

Water
- Promote action that reduces water usage.
- Encourage an appreciation that water is a precious natural resource.
- Collect surplus water from drink taps.
- Educate the whole school community about ways to reduce water usage both indoors and outdoors.
- Maintain and regularly monitor records of water consumption.

Energy
- Control energy consumption to reduce our impact on the natural environment.
- Educate students, staff and the whole community about best practices for use of energy consuming equipment and services.
- Maintain and regularly monitor records of energy consumption.

Transport
- Educate student, staff and the whole community about best practices for transport to and from school and for excursions.

Design and biodiversity
- Improve our outdoor natural environment using plants indigenous to this area.
- Create and promote outdoor learning environments to be used as part of our ongoing curriculum.
- Be mindful of sustainable practices in new building design/renovations.
Promotion/marketing of sustainability

- Promote our sustainability practices on the school web site / information fliers for prospective families and new students.
- Provide parents and students with information to assist them to understand the issues and be aware of best practice.
- The School develops and implements an action plan each year.
- The curriculum at all year levels will include waste minimisation and recycling.
- We will communicate closely with the local council, other schools and environmental groups to investigate other methods of waste minimisation and sustainable practices and implement them in our school.
- Further to this information, our school is now registered with Sustainability Victoria and are in the process of introducing guest speakers and student modules for children to become more aware of how we can become more sustainable at school.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school renewal process.

This policy was last ratified by the School Leadership Team in March 2014