

# St Joseph's School Coleraine Sustainability Action Plan 2017



## GENERAL

Goal	Strategy	Who	When
Our school will implement a hands-on approach to education for sustainability through the curriculum at each year level and whole school events such as Clean Up Australia Day, National Tree Planting Day and Enviroweek.	<p><b>Planning sessions</b> Term planning sessions will identify and document the environment and sustainability focus in each subject area.</p> <p><b>Conduct Whole School Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean Up Australia Day Activities 10 March (Term 1)</li> <li>• Plant and Produce Stall at School Fete</li> <li>• Tree Day (Term 3)</li> <li>• Enviroweek (Term 3)</li> <li>• Kids Teaching Kids (Term 3)</li> </ul>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Staff and students and community</p>	Throughout the year (as specified)
Student learning in specific Environment classes will focus on learning how to live sustainably and taking action within the school and wider community.	60 minute specific Environment sessions scheduled every week for LGA and LGA will focus on gardening and cooking.	C.Cooney Students	Throughout the year
Our school will support an active Sustainability Action Team that involves School Advisory Council, staff, student leadership, students, parents and other members of our school and local community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weekly article in school newsletter</li> <li>• ResourceSmart workshops conducted with staff and the Sustainability Action Team in each term.</li> <li>• The School Council will be provided with a report of the ResourceSmart activities and actions for the year.</li> <li>• Complete 100% of Biodiversity module by December 2017.</li> </ul>	Sustainability Action Team School Advisory Council Students	Throughout the year

## **Biodiversity**

Goal	Strategy	Who	When
<b>Create new green learning space outside staff room (Increase Biodiversity)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review draft design and plan</li> <li>Create learning space outside staff room. Include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>indigenous food garden</li> <li>sensory garden</li> <li>shade</li> <li>seating for learning activities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Consider Water harvesting</li> <li>Apply for grants - Schools Garden grant (due 28 April)</li> </ul>	SAC Liaise with Coralie Coulson re Grant P&F Bendigo Bank for funds Jakob Kelly (Hamilton Community Garden) Contact Condah group Darren Bell Students Staff	Term 1 and 2 2017
<b>Soil Management and Testing</b> <i>(Low score on Habitat Assessment)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus on Soil Management (Biodiversity) during Earth and Space Inquiry Unit and Science (Earth and Space - Beneath Our Feet)</li> <li>Conduct Soil Testing in Veggie garden (Whole School?)</li> <li>Conduct Salinity test (Earth and space science Water focus)</li> </ul>	Teachers All classes	Science Inquiry and Environment sessions during Term 1 2017 Whole School activity on a Wed
<b>Work with the community to increase biodiversity (plants and birdlife) in local area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make Nesting Boxes and Insect Hotels for School yard</li> <li>Teach community how to make Nesting Boxes and Insect Hotels</li> <li>Plant indigenous plants in school garden</li> </ul>	LGB class Men's Shed C.Cooney	Term 1 2017 Link with Civics and Citizenship Inquiry Nesting boxes for community Term 2
<b>Share garden produce and growing knowledge with the community</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stall to sell veggies and eggs at Fete and local markets with P&amp;F</li> <li>Baskets of produce to Aged Care/Church/Produce Swap??</li> <li>Pruning Fruit Trees Workshop in School Orchard</li> <li>Sell Grow Create Celebrate Cookbook</li> <li>Create Calendar with seasonal recipes and garden tips?</li> </ul>	P&F Students C.Cooney Local orchardist/Mr Bunney	During 2017 Pruning Workshop Term 2 2017 During 2017 Term 2-4

<b>Complete 100% of Resource Smart Biodiversity Module</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document all Biodiversity actions (see above) in ResourceSmart Schools online.</li> </ul>	C.Cooney	December 2017
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**EVALUATION** This Action Plan was agreed at Resourcesmart PLT March 22 2017 and will be reviewed as part of St Joseph's Annual review cycle.