



## Water Management Policy

**Purpose:** Chewton Primary School is committed to sustainable practices within the community.

**Aim:**

- Encourage the sustainable use of resources
- Reduce our schools impact on the environment (ecological footprint)
- Eliminate unnecessary water use
- Reduce water entering storm water
- Create a school and community understanding of the importance of responsible water use

**Implementation:**

- At the beginning of each school year a student 'Water Team' will be established as part of our leadership program
- The leadership team will review goals, action plans and policies at the beginning of each year and ensure that all these actions are still being implemented
- Any new appliance purchased for our school will have a minimum of 4 star rating for water conservation
- Taps, shower and dishwasher will be checked for water leakage in consultation with the 'Water Team' at the beginning of each year
- Storm water pits will be checked and cleared at the beginning of each term
- Water usage signage will be renewed by the 'Water Team' each year
- There will be explicit teaching of water conservation by our 'Water Team' as part of their leadership role
- Flow controllers will be installed and maintained on high usage indoor taps
- Paths and other outdoor areas are not to be cleaned with water unless absolutely necessary
- The school curriculum will reflect programs that target water programs with a particular emphasis on our local water ways
- Water collected for use in garden and pond areas complies with EPA guideline  
<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/~media/Publications/DSE0603.pdf>

**Evaluation:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year cycle review. This policy was ratified by staff followed by school council on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016