



Green Purchasing Policy

Purpose: Chewton Primary School is committed to sustainable practices within its community. It will endeavour to purchase 'green products' in order to reduce its environmental impact.

Aim:

- Encourage the sustainable use of resources
- Reduce our schools impact on the environment (ecological footprint)
- Eliminate unnecessary purchasing
- Reduce waste to landfill
- Support sustainable long-term markets for recyclable materials
- With all factors being equal in the purchase of a product, choosing the product with the least environmental and/or social impact

Implementation:

When feasible, Chewton Primary School will:

- Purchase paper for printers, photocopies and bathrooms with at least 50 per cent recycled content and progressively move to a higher content
- Considering the alternatives to purchasing a replacement product, such as reusing, refurbishing or reconditioning the existing product or its components to extend its life
- There may be times when it is better to upgrade rather than repair an appliance when considering energy and water use of old equipment
- Considering the emissions, pollutants, energy and water required at all stages of the life cycle of the product
- Purchase maximum star rating or energy and water use appliances when replacing or purchasing additional equipment
- E-waste and 'whitegoods' will be recycled appropriately for reclamation of embedded resources
- Verify the social responsibility and ethical behaviour of manufacturers and suppliers of the product
- Print material on a double sided setting
- Limit the amount of advertising materials sent home to students
- Consider the purchase of recycled products for book orders and other school supplies
- Consider the environmental impact of cleaning products including those used by contractors
- Promote the use of organic principals in our fruit and vegetable gardens
- Chemical control of weeds will be strictly monitored and used only when other methods are deemed unsuitable

Our school will refer to the Australian Green Procurement Websites for more details on specific products when considering new purchases.

- Good Environmental Choice Australia (GECA) www.geca.org.au/products/search/
- Ecospecifier www.ecospecifier.com.au/products.aspx
- ECO-Find www.ecobuy.org.au/director/ecofind.cfm?findagreenproduct=keyword&s=f
- Sustainable Choice www.lgsa.org.au/sustainablechoice/

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 31/8/2018

