

Environment Committee Update – Term 2, 2023

The environment committee are continuing to support the school through environment and sustainability initiatives including waste free wednesday and recollect, and waste reduction at school events.

The team of volunteers is declining and new members with ideas and enthusiasm would be appreciated.

The committee want to work with the school to amend existing cleaning and waste management contracts to reduce the reliance on parent volunteers for waste free wednesday and Polly (the recollect bin), so that these systems are self-sustaining business practices and don't fall down if a parent volunteer has work commitments and cannot attend the school.

The committee would also like to see additional recycling and reduction in single use packaging achieved by the school, through amending existing contracts at the canteen and uniform shop, as well as committing to co-mingled recycling (plastics, glass and metals are not currently recycled).

The committee is working on sustainable events guidelines to help guide mindful, sustainable purchasing, reducing packaging waste, implementing waste segregation through waste stations and waste avoidance eg BYO cups.

This year the committee would like the school to accept our help to reduce unnecessary landfill at the end of year clean out of stationery and books. We would like to divert items for reuse, donation or recycling and are committed to work with the school to help achieve this with minimal effort by the school.