

# Sustainability Ideas

Project ideas to get you started.

## Get solar!

Most of our emissions come from electricity consumption.

[Solar my School](#) is a great programme that helps schools in getting solar up and running. Ask your council to support you on this journey as well. There are also lots of grants schools can apply for. Many schools get solar and it doesn't cost them a cent. They just need a team to help them get going.

## LED

Funnel your solar savings and upgrade to LED lighting throughout the school. It's 75% more efficient and lasts 25% longer than halogen or incandescent.

## Start recycling

Educate on recycling and get bins that are kid friendly all around the school so it's easy.

## Create a kitchen garden

It's educational, fun and a great way to get the students involved.

<https://www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au>

## Compost and/or get a worm farm.

<https://compostrevolution.com.au>

## Start a sustainability club

at the school for the students to join. Let them give some input into what the school is going to achieve sustainability wise and let them take ownership over it. Another great educational tool.

## Do a waste audit

and find out how the school can reduce or go waste free!

## Green your canteen or tuck shop.

Ditch the single use plastics and water bottles!

## Does your school fundraise for a charity? Make it an environmental one!

Organise or get the school to participate in a local clean up at parks/ovals/beaches.

## Promote more active transport.

Travel creates the second most emissions. Give clear advice on how to ride the school or public buses. Create incentive programmes for kids at school that carpool, bus, walk, scoot or bike. Discourage idling around the school at drop off and pick up and explain the rules about this around your school. Here's an active transport proposal here:

## Encourage nude lunches

and reusable lunch boxes (e.g. bento boxes). Suggest class competitions for zero waste,

## Inspire the community

Present to the teachers and staff about climate change and educate them on how they can have more "green" classrooms by not using artificial light when not necessary and how best to heat/cool their classrooms.

Prepare and deliver a presentation to parents "What Every Parent Needs to Know About Climate Change" and a resource pack of Top 10 Tips on how to cut their footprints at home. Get your principal or P&C to put it on the school's website.