

# GREEN POLICY

## INTRODUCTION

### PURPOSE :

Loyola Academy is committed to the principles and practices of environmental protection and environmental sustainability across all areas of activity, with College-wide involvement and responsibility. We believe that we have an institutional responsibility to develop sound environmental management systems and initiatives to promote environmental and sustainability awareness and education. The intent of this policy is to meet environmental expectations and provide actionable guidance, as Loyola Academy strives to foster a culture of excellence and challenges for continual improvement.

### POLICY STATEMENT :

The College commits itself to operating all of its activities in a sustainable manner through minimising the adverse impact of its activities on the environment and in promoting sound environmentally sustainable principles and practice through the delivery of its curriculum. The College will strive to ensure that all activities comply with relevant environmental legislation. The College will work towards the prevention of pollution and the continual improvement of its environmental performance by reducing its impacts on the environment.

### APPLICABILITY :

This policy shall apply to the whole of Loyola Academy, and each stakeholder shall be made a partner in implementing the policy.

### POLICY IMPLEMENTATION :

The College is committed to focusing on the following key target areas, which have been identified as significant:

- **Water Management:** To make efficient and environmentally responsible use of water, including identifying opportunities for water conservation and water reuse.
- **Energy Management:** To reduce overall energy consumption and the proportion of energy created from finite resources by switching to renewable energy sources.
- **Campus Management:** To develop and implement a estate strategy based on sound environmental and sustainability principles. To manage the estate with a view to enhancement of biodiversity wherever possible. To require a sustainable construction plan for any new development or refurbishment project. To increase the green cover of the estate to above 75%.
- **Waste Management:** To increase the rate of recycling of all appropriate materials, based on life-cycle principles. To implement sustainable resource management practices, based on reduce, reuse and recycle principles.
- **Carbon Footprint Reduction:** To implement a carbon management strategy, including the efficient use of energy. To reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with College

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targets. To ensure the uptake of low carbon technologies in infrastructure and operations.

- **Procurement:** To promote life cycle thinking in the procurement of goods and services, while working with suppliers to promote sustainable resource management practices.
- **Resources:** To scale down the use of resources throughout the college including the farm, learning spaces and during the construction or renovation of buildings.
- **Awareness and Training:** To communicate internally and externally the college's environmental objectives and performance. To raise awareness of staff and students of the college's environmental impact, activities and performance and good practices. To provide appropriate environmental educational programmes for staff and students. To encourage and facilitate feedback and suggestions.

## RESPONSIBILITIES :

- The main responsibility for implementation of this policy lies with the College Management and the Principal as the College's Chief Executive.
- The Deans, Coordinators, Heads of Departments and Lecturers are responsible for ensuring compliance with College Environment Policy within their area of control.
- Whilst the College accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, students have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment. Students are required to abide by rules and requirements made under the authority of this policy.
- Students also have a duty to co-operate with the College in complying with Policy requirements that relate to activities and actions in case of emergencies. In addition, there is a duty to report incidents that may cause harm to the environment.

## EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & GREEN AUDIT :

- This policy shall be reviewed at opportune time, but not later than once a year.
- The College shall undertake an annual review of environmental management procedures and activities to ensure suitability, adequacy and effectiveness through an annual exercise called the Green Audit.

## CONCLUSION :

The College is committed to continual improvement, the prevention of pollution and ensuring compliance with relevant legal and other requirements. This Environmental Policy is fully supported by the Management of Loyola Academy and the Office of the Principal. We appreciate that staff and student education, engagement and acceptance of the Environmental Policy, are key to its success. As such, this will provide an ongoing focus, creating a sense of ownership, responsibility and a constantly relevant strategy to improve our environment. The Policy will be reviewed and refined annually to reflect changing circumstances.