

Sustainability

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Secondary school experiences at
The Scots College, Bellevue Hill NSW.

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Background to Scots

- The Scots College has raised generations of fine young men since it was established in 1893 at Brighton-le-Sands.
- A Presbyterian Church school.
- Member of the Association of GPS.
- Over 2,300 students currently in T-12.



The importance of Change Agents

- Drivers of innovation.
- Three key personnel have led our move from minimal involvement to whole-hearted assimilation of sustainable practices across all aspects of College life.



Strategic direction

- Policy based.
- Stakeholder inclusion.
- T – 12 focus.
- Curriculum imperatives.
- Staffing responsibilities for sustainability.
- Full integration of sustainability into boys' educational experiences.



Curriculum integration

- Science
- Maths
- Geography
- Construction VET
- Real Estate VET
- Design and Technology
- Outdoor education residential programme



Student involvement

- Student committee.
- Corporate visits.
- “Glengarry” environment group.
- Co-curricular activities.
- Prefect responsibility.



Current activities

- Bore water.
- Lighting.
- Shower heads.
- Recycling bins.
- Worm farm.
- Compost bins.
- Organic garden
- Paddock maintenance.
- Indigenous trees.
- Email footer.
- University mentoring



Future initiatives

- New building design.
- Energy use audit.
- Host a schools Climate Forum
- Student award.
- Teacher education.
- Manage paper usage.
- Student leadership training.
- Define the term sustainability with specificity and relevance to Scots.
- Become the best practice school in Australia within 5 years.

