



We invite you to take part in our 2026 Actions for Earth – School Challenge

To participate you must complete as many sustainable actions as you can during the school year – you may already be doing many of these! We know schools play a vital role in educating and engaging our young people on the importance of our environment and we want to acknowledge and celebrate the incredible work schools do.

All Monash schools will be awarded a participation prize and certificate.

The school that completes the highest number of actions will be recognised as Monash's Hero School, receiving a major prize and recognition in the Monash Bulletin.

Step 1 – Sign your school up and plan and complete your actions

**Term
1–3**

Click here to complete a [2-minute form online](#) to let us know your school details, best contact, and your sustainability goals for the year!

Actions can range from big to small commitments and involve your whole school community (green teams, staff and parents). Choose any actions on the Checklist or our website. You can also let us know any additional actions you are completing.

We encourage schools to contact or book our Sustainability Educators at sustainability@monash.vic.gov.au for support with planning and completing your actions!

Schools must provide evidence for actions completed throughout the year. Ensure evidence is clearly recorded (e.g. photo, screenshot, booking confirmation).

Step 2 – Celebrate your sustainability wins!

Term 4

A Sustainable Monash team member will check evidence of actions your school has completed or will complete.

Prizes will be awarded in Term 4 to all participating schools. The winning school will be announced as our Actions for Earth Hero, receive a major prize and be recognised in the Monash Bulletin.



Checklist

GENERAL SUSTAINABILITY



- Book a free Staff or Student Monash Council education session
- Book a Resource Smart School education session or audit
- Join the Victorian Resource Smart School (RSS) program
- Create sustainability posters (bin education, wildlife, save water, turn off lights)
- Educate school community on sustainable actions (newsletters, website, assembly presentations)
- Create a student, staff and/or parent Sustainability Team
- Incorporate First Nations Perspectives for caring for country, native plants and water
- Apply for grants (water, energy, waste)

CIRCULAR ECONOMY



- Create a clothing exchange for school uniforms
- Introduce reuse stations (paper, stationery, books)
- Upcycle, craft or mend using waste/litter
- Source second-hand or recycled classroom items

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE



- Introduce or improve Council recycling/food waste bin
- Nude food day/week/month
- Introduce alternative recycling programs (Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), e-waste)
- Reduce litter at school (regular pick up, Clean Up event, working bee)
- Create a program on the 3 R's and teach people how to Reduce, Reuse and Repair items

BIODIVERSITY AND GARDENING



- Habitat garden planting and/or maintenance
- Add or create habitat structure
- Introduce or improve composting
- Veggie patch planting and/or maintenance
- Plant trees and/or bushfood species
- Take part in local biodiversity activities (National Tree Day, Friends Of groups)

WATER



- Install or connect water saving solutions (rainwater tanks, buckets under taps, plugs)
- Litter free drains and waterways (regular checks at pits/drains)
- Participate in local water education (Iseelcare, Melbourne Water Watch, Water Bug Kit)

ENERGY



- 'Turn off engine' zones for drop off/pick up
- Walk/ride to school days
- Energy use audit (using RSS or Council kit)

If you are looking for further inspiration, visit our website for more sustainable actions.

 monash.vic.gov.au/school-sustainability-actions

