



“We flourish as engaged bilingual global citizens who can face challenges as critical, creative thinkers. Our exemplary holistic education promotes a lifelong love of learning.”

CPS GREEN PURCHASING POLICY

Rationale

Camberwell Primary School is committed to ethical and sustainable living. It will try wherever possible to purchase products and services that are ethically produced and which minimise environmental impact.

Camberwell Primary School seeks to contribute to environmental sustainability and to educate students, teachers, staff, and the school community about the importance of making environmentally and ethically responsible decisions with respect to purchasing.

Aims

- minimise unnecessary purchasing
- make more sustainable use of natural (often finite) resources
- decrease the impact of the school’s activities on the environment
- decrease waste (avoid, reduce, reuse, recycle)
- minimise toxicity to promote human and environmental health
- support sustainable, ethical, industries
- change the culture of purchasing in the community to an informed approach that considers the environmental and ethical implications of all goods and services
- consider the ecological footprint of all products and services purchased for the school
- understand factors other than financial ones may influence green procurement decisions; e.g., the safety of students when considering using a private bus instead of public transport.

Guidelines

When feasible, Camberwell Primary School will:

- purchase products that have minimal packaging and a high recyclable content
- purchase paper for printers and photocopiers that is either recycled or from sustainable resources and set printers to double sided print as default
- distribute newsletters and notices online
- minimise the amount of printed materials sent home to students
- purchase equipment and furniture made from recycled materials if possible
- reuse or source recycled products and choose products that are durable and repairable
- choose biodegradable products that are non-toxic
- recycle used goods (computers, printers, furniture, lighting etc.)
- purchase fair trade products
- use eco-buying guides to aid purchasing decisions

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four-year cycle.
- Staff and student feedback will be sought to review the policy

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