Mount Lilydale Mercy College
Sustainability Policy

RATIONALE
This policy will provide the framework for the development of innovative & measurable strategies aimed at embedding sustainability in all aspects of the College’s operations.

SCOPE
This policy relates to all students, staff and the wider College community.

POLICY STATEMENT
Inspired by the Mercy tradition of Catherine McAuley, Mount Lilydale Mercy College is committed to providing an educational environment that prepares students for a changing and challenging world in a caring, dynamic and sustainable environment.

Grounded in the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ, the College is committed to engaging staff, students and the wider College community in developing an understanding of environmentally sustainable practices to ensure respect for the earth that God created.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Mount Lilydale Mercy College will achieve this by:

1. Investing in its Staff, Students and wider College Community
   The College will develop and promote a culture of sustainability across the whole College community. It will engage with both staff and students in developing innovative ideas on enhancing sustainable performance and implementing environmentally sustainable projects.

2. Provide Education for Sustainability
   As a member of the Resource Smart Schools, the College will strive to continually improve its knowledge and practices of sustainability to ensure that students will have an understanding of its importance and the skills to implement sustainable performance.

3. Foster Industry Partnerships
   The College will identify and engage with existing and new suppliers who have a demonstrated commitment to sustainability. It will engage with industry to further develop and expand environmental knowledge and sustainability practices.
4. **Enhance Environmental Sustainable Performance**

The College aims to promote a positive contribution to environmental impact by reviewing its activities regularly to identify areas of efficiency that can be continually improved. It will apply a risk management approach to sustainability and develop programs to Reduce, Recycle, Reuse & Refuse. In addition to the compliance of relevant environmental legislation, the College will also implement procedures to regularly measure, review and report on its progress to the College Executive, Staff, Students and the wider College Community.