

OKAIHAU COLLEGE POLICY: Environmental Education

Rationale

Okaihau College recognises that environmental education is an important part of lifelong learning. We want our students to own and work in a healthy, pleasant environment that they have created, maintained and passed on to future students.

For this to be possible, students will need to be able to make informed choices and be part of decision making process that affect our surroundings and curriculum.

Goals

Okaihau College is committed to carrying out environmental education in, about and for the following areas of our school life.

1. People

- Work collaboratively
- Are reflective of bicultural heritage
- Acknowledge diversity in our community

2. Programmes

- Interaction between people and the environment
- Develop attitudes and behaviours for a sustainable future
- Providing cross-curricula/studies that have a sustainability focus.

3. Practices

- Part of school culture
- Explore and develop conceptual understanding by staff and students
- Taking care of each other, our school, community and local environment.

4. Place

- Reduce impact
- Provide for future generations

Support

The Enviroschools Foundation will provide programme support, further development and national direction.
Through the Northland Regional Council the Regional Coordinator will facilitate a regional approach to create a vibrant and supportive regional Enviroschools network.