



HOW TO JOIN THE CHALLENGE?

We invite you to take part in our 2024 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! All participating Monash schools will receive recognition and an award for their work and their commitment to sustainable practices. 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.

The school that completes the highest number of actions in 2024 will be recognised in the Monash Bulletin and awarded a prize valued up to \$250. Good Luck!

Step 1 – Sign your school up

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!

**Term
2-3**

Step 2 – Plan and complete your actions

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

We encourage schools to contact or book our Sustainability Educators on [✉ sustainability@monash.vic.gov.au](mailto:sustainability@monash.vic.gov.au) for support with planning and completing your actions!

Please note: School must demonstrate evidence (e.g. photo, screenshot, booking confirmation) of action or event and when it occurred or will occur.

**By end of
Term 3**

Step 3 – Celebrate your sustainability wins!

Remember to keep tabs on all sustainable activities your school takes part in or plans to complete before the end of 2024.

A Sustainable Monash team member will check in with your school in the last few weeks of Term 3 to record what actions your school has completed or will complete.

Prizes will be awarded in Term 4 to all schools that participate and the school that completes the most actions will be recognized in the Monash Bulletin for their efforts!

**Term
3-4**

ACTIONS FOR EARTH

CHECKLIST

Take part in one or more of these school events, activities or programs!

GENERAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Book a free Monash Council education/incursion session.
- Undertake a free Monash Council or Resource Smart Audit session.
- Hold your own community working bee. (*i.e. garden maintenance, planting, litter pick up.*)
- Create a student and/or parent Sustainability Team.
- Deliver a sustainable presentation at assembly. (Council, staff or student-led.)
- Publish a sustainable news item. (Council, staff or student-led.)
- Create sustainability posters for school.
(*i.e. what goes in which bin, nature/native wildlife, save water, turn off lights.*)



WASTE

- Introduce recycling co-mingled.
- Introduce food waste recycling and/or composting.
- Nude food day/week/month.
- Introduction of alternative recycling collection programs
(*i.e. batteries, Container Deposit Scheme.*)
- Clean Up Day
(*any day of the year or create a clean up event with Clean Up Australia.*)



BIODIVERSITY

- Tree and/or habitat planting.
- Veggie patch planting and maintenance.
- Add or create habitat structure
(*i.e. bird bath, lizard lounge, frog bog, nest box.*)



WATER AND ENERGY

- Water saving signage or infrastructure.
- Walk to School or Ride to School days.
- Anti-idling school zones (turning off cars.)
- Water or Energy Resource Smart modules.



OTHER?

