



Christ Church Grammar School

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MEDIA STATEMENT: Christ Church raises the bar on sustainability

Environmental sustainability is high on the agenda at Christ Church Grammar School.

The top performing boys' school has just announced that commencing 4 June, it will begin the journey to becoming a campus focused on eliminating plastic, and where elimination isn't possible, introducing a bio-degradable alternative.

To support the change, bio-degradable and recycling bins are being deployed across the campus, with clearly marked information sheets being distributed to educate students.

In parallel, members from WRITE Solutions Australia will visit the School to educate the staff and students on reducing, reusing and recycling so that boys change their habits and generate less rubbish.

School Principal Alan Jones said, "We are pleased to see our students leading the change for environmental sustainability. Our students are global citizens and know that everyone has a part to play in creating a more sustainable world."

"Statistics show that 70% of waste in general waste bins is organic and can actually be repurposed."

"Through discussions and some simple changes, we are encouraging everyone to make a positive difference now which will certainly impact the future."

The journey towards eliminating plastic on campus follows other sustainable initiatives implemented by the School over the years including:

- Installation of the largest and most efficient solar powered system ever fitted on an Australian school – a 670-kilowatt solar photovoltaic system designed to deliver significant financial benefits and reduce the School's carbon footprint and CO2 emissions by 655 tonnes annually
- Installation of a natural, thermally heated 50m swimming pool
- Use of reticulation with water saving features, such as automated weather station and bore meters to monitor local weather conditions and reduce water consumption.

An Environmental Committee comprising of students from Years 10 to 12 will continue driving the sustainability efforts at the School.

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