

ECOPETS CLUB

The EcoPets' mascot is Dr Seuss' The Lorax and we use his famous line as our motto: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better, it's not."

The by-line of the committee is: A group of students saving humanity by protecting the environment. The aims of the committee are:

- 1. Promote recycling in the school: We are going to start with some small projects (like recycling Nespresso pods, bottle caps, bread tags, paper), but aim to grow this profile to recycling everything and even having a recycling centre on the school grounds. This will drastically reduce the waste that we send to landfill (an economic and environmental saving).
- Planting projects: We hope to plant trees and food gardens at school and in underprivileged communities. As part of this project we hope to create an area where we can grow things from seed and then plant them when they are established (helps reduce costs of purchasing fully grown plants).
- 3. Clean-ups: We aim to get involved in campus and community clean-up projects so as to promote a healthier environment.
- 4. Conservation: We aim to draw awareness to topical conservation issues (eg. rhino conservation). This will include providing statistics, fundraisers and drawing attention to conservation plights. We aim to promote at least one conservation issue per term (water conservation on World Water Day 22 March and energy conservation on Earth Hour in term 1, general environmental issues in term 2 on World Environment Day 5 June and Rhino conservation in term 3 during International Rhino Day 22 September).
- 5. Activism: We hope to encourage learners to be more aware about their lifestyles and think about their choices when it comes to environmental issues (eg. promoting Meat-Free Mondays, product selection and being an environmentally aware consumer).
- 6. Green School: This includes environmental education, lifestyle of the school and environmental programmes that the school is involved in. This status would then need to be maintained and improved on every year.
- 7. Upcycling Project: We hope to start an upcycling project whereby waste is used as a valuable resource that can be transformed into other products.