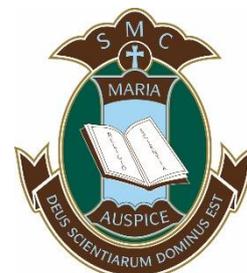


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Schoolkids tackle State's growing waste problem

St Mary's College is set to reduce its carbon footprint with the biennial Sustainability Fair taking place at the College today, which will teach students how small changes can create a positive environmental impact.

The day will see Kinder to Year 9 students involved in a wide range of active-learning opportunities that promote local and sustainable produce and changing to waste-free lunchboxes.

Sustainability Officer and Fair organiser Tanaz Jungalwalla said in the past, the Fair has helped students learn how to reduce their environmental footprint at home, as well as at school.

"Our students are passionate about the environment and have a wonderful drive to make positive changes in their community," she said.

Students will be actively combating the eight million tonnes of plastic waste dumped into the world's oceans by learning how to make beeswax wrap, a waste free recyclable cling-wrap alternative.

"These workshops mean students can take what they've learnt directly into the community and help create wide-reaching changes," Ms Jungalwalla said.

"The message isn't just to students.

"We're reminding parents to ask their children what they've learnt and to be open to their suggestions of making small changes, so that collectively, we can make a big difference."

Principal Helen Spencer said sustainability and environmental impact are viewed as key learning experience for students.

"St Mary's College embraces our educative and spiritual responsibilities for sustainability," she said.

Highlights of the Fair include food trucks showcasing local produce, an ethical cupcake stall, a KeepCup shop – offering reusable coffee cup options designed by the College, and a swap meet - giving students an opportunity to trade their unwanted items.

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Photo opportunities exist from 11.00am-1.30pm.

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