

# Green Schools



As a result of the cross-curriculum requirement in the national curriculum to educate students about sustainability, non-government schools are engaging more and more with environmental practices on a broader scale. A fabulous resource for education for sustainability is your local council.

**A**t Kilbreda College Mentone, a partnership has been forged between the school and the Kingston Council. The Year 8 students from Kilbreda are working together with the Council in a foreshore restoration program. The girls are active in planting, weeding and weed control, as well as rubbish collection at the particular section of the local beach allocated to the College. Some other schools in the area have been given an area of the foreshore for their responsibility as well. The Kilbreda students are also engaged in propagation at the Council nursery in Bonbeach.

Engagement with the Council encourages the students to view the practice of assisting their local community as a regular way to behave. It fosters a sense of belonging to their community and teaches them to take an active part in being responsible for the local environment. This particular program has highlighted to the students the need for us all to play our part in caring for our environment.

## Some council contacts:

- Frankston City Council  
[www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Environment\\_and\\_Waste](http://www.frankston.vic.gov.au/Environment_and_Waste)
- Boroondara Council  
[www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environmental-sustainability](http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/our-city/environmental-sustainability)
- Bayside Council  
[www.bayside.vic.gov.au/environment](http://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/environment)
- City Of Port Phillip  
[www.enviroehub.com.au/](http://www.enviroehub.com.au/)