

Sustainability Update – July/August 2025

In order to continue to maintain our 5 Star Sustainability rating through ResourceSmart Schools (RSS) we must update our biodiversity and waste modules this year to gain reaccreditation for those modules.

Biodiversity Module

The annual Biodiversity audit was conducted by the house captains on Friday 20th June. Parents and students were also asked to assist with wildlife audits the following week. We had three sessions after school with 12 families and 16 students participate. As a group we identified 16 different types of animals in the school yard. Our biodiversity score increased from 87/100 to 91/100. To get a further increase we need to encourage more native animals into our school grounds.

We had a delivery of 50 indigenous plants from Greater Western Water's *Trees for Schools* program. They will be planted as soon as possible.

Through the Biodiversity audit we also recognised that we needed mulch on the garden beds at the north of the oval. We had a load of mulch delivered last week and Mat has begun spreading it.

The final documents were uploaded, and actions commented on, in the biodiversity module on the RSS site. The module has been submitted for review. Hopefully there will not be much more to do, and we will be re-accredited for the biodiversity star for a further 4 years.

Waste Module

The Waste module will be submitted for re-accreditation in November 2025.

Students will commence waste audits this term during their sustainability lesson. We will continue to look at the classroom and outside bins ensuring that waste is being put into the right place.

'WOW' Wednesday and Fruity Friday continue this term. House captains are responsible for giving out house points and collecting data on these days.

We have been asked to host a **sustainability network meeting** at Albion PS in December 2025. We are waiting for confirmation of dates.

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