

KooWee Climate Challenge

Environmental Sustainability Pledge

Climate change has been said to be “the biggest public health threat of the 21st Century”
(*The Lancet Commission, 2009*).

Infectious diseases like malaria and dengue are spreading to new locations, heat waves are more frequent, impacting on conditions such as asthma, heart disease and heat stroke. Increasingly severe storms, droughts and floods, harm human health and stretch services. It's all too easy to feel the issue is too great that you can't make a difference, however, if we do nothing it will affect our future and that of our children and grandchildren.

As health care providers we can work together on this important challenge - to live sustainably.

We need our staff to learn together, act together by taking the pledge and help us to be the change.



Reducing our Climate Footprint

If you choose to participate, please complete the pledge on the back of this sheet, sign below, then pick up a free 'Keep Cup' from reception.



Bring your Keep Cup to **Charlie's Coffee Cart** at the flagpole for **Fair Trade Coffee**.

Weekdays 10.30 - 11am and 2.30 - 3.00pm

Coffee with Keep Cup \$3.80 without \$4.00

Congratulations! Thanks for taking the time to make a pledge.

Name:

Contact Details:

Department:

Privacy Statement

Your personal information will be handled in accordance with KRHS Information Privacy Policy. The pledge responses will be collated and displayed on the environment section of intranet to promote and grow the uptake of staff engagement.

I pledge to do my part to meet the challenge posed by climate change by taking the following steps:

1. To demonstrate my commitment to sustainability at KRHS, I pledge to:

BEHAVIOUR	YES	N/A
Energy		
Turn off my computer when I leave work at the end of the day		
Turn off my monitor when I leave work at the end of the day		
Switch off lights when not required (Including over bed and night lights)		
Turn off air-conditioning (if applicable) overhead fans and portable heaters		
Turn off printers when I leave work at the end of the day		
Turn dishwashers off when dishes are not being processed		
Use blinds to help regulate the temperature		
Water		
Use a refillable water bottle instead of purchasing bottles of water		
Only use the dishwasher when it is fully loaded		
Turn off taps while soaping up hands where sensor activation is available		
Use harvested water for watering the garden where available		
Turn off or report dripping taps		
Transport		
Reduce the number of car trips by using public transport, walking, car-pooling, and/or riding a bike (bike rack in A/H carpark)		
Use tele-conferencing to reduce work-related car where possible		
Waste		
Reduce paper consumption by printing on both sides		
Reduce printing by only printing when necessary for example circulate one report rather than multiple copies		
Recycle used paper for notes		
Use electronic media wherever possible		
Bring my "Sustainability Keep Cup" for my drinks		
Segregate general waste from clinical waste		
Segregate recycling waste from general waste		

2. Are there any other behaviours that you would like to pledge to? Suggestions can be:
 Purchasing fresh vegies from local growers such as the community garden or the South East Food Hub.
 Participation in the community garden - by picking out a few weeds or purchasing vegies helps keep it sustainable.
 My suggestion:

3. I am interested in becoming a sustainability supporter at KRHS? This would entail you being a team leader for sustainability in your department/area. Training to support you in this role will be available and you will receive sustainability information for you to share within your department/area on a regular basis. **Yes** **No**