

## Enviroschools in the Greater Wellington Region

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The Enviroschools Programme is coordinated in the greater Wellington Region with the support of the Greater Wellington Regional Council. Local delivery of the programme is supported through local councils.



### Is Enviroschools For Us?

The Enviroschools Programme provides a framework for schools who are committed to sustainability across the whole school as a part of their school culture. This is a significant commitment and it is important that you know it is right for your school before you sign up. Some Enviroschools tools are available for purchase to all schools and can help you decide whether or not the Enviroschools Programme is for you. These are listed in the Enviroschools Programme handout.

Enviroschools networking events for students and teachers sometimes have space for other interested schools to attend. Contact the Enviroschools Regional Coordinator as soon as you become interested in the programme. That way you can receive regular updates and information.

Many schools begin their environmental journey through a series of environmental projects rather than through a whole school approach. There are a number of opportunities for support with environmental education and action in the Wellington Region that might be good places to start an environmental journey.

### **Other Support in the Wellington Region for Environmental Education and Action**

**Take Action for Water or Air Programmes – Greater Wellington Regional Council.** These are fully facilitated units of work for year 4-8 students, carried out over a term or more. Students investigate local stream or air quality and take action to improve it. Many schools completing this programme become interested in longer term action and want to sign up to the Enviroschools Programme to embed the commitment they have made to the environment and access the ongoing planning support and network opportunities the Enviroschools Programme provides.



Other organisations in the Wellington area that offer Environmental Education opportunities to schools include:

*Zealandia / Karori Wildlife Sanctuary,*  
*Department of Conservation,*  
*Wellington Zoo,*  
*Otari Wilton's Bush,*  
*the Botanical Gardens,*  
*National Wildlife Centre at Pukaha Mt Bruce*  
*and*  
*The Global Education Centre.*



Many councils, eg Porirua and Hutt City Councils, also offer **waste programmes** to help schools understand the systems in place to deal with their waste.

### **If Enviroschools is for us, how do we sign up?**

Applications to be part of the Enviroschools Programme are welcomed from any school or centre committed to a sustainability journey. Acceptance into the Enviroschools Programme in the greater Wellington Region requires a commitment from the school or centre, and capacity on behalf of the Enviroschools team and funding partners in the area. In cases where capacity is insufficient, a waiting list will be developed until ways can be found to meet the needs of interested and committed schools.

Once a school is accepted onto the programme, we may ask for a contribution of up to \$100 towards resource costs. The cost of a facilitator to work with your school is covered by the local partner organisation.

An application checklist is available on the website.

Applications should be sent to:

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Enviroschools Regional Coordinator  
Wellington Region  
PO Box 41  
Masterton

For more information email [karyn.burgess@gw.govt.nz](mailto:karyn.burgess@gw.govt.nz)  
Or phone Karyn on 021 133 2569

New schools generally start in Term 3 by exploring the programme and engaging in some planning during terms 3 and 4 to begin action for the following year.

## Kura Kaupapa, Early Childhood, and Secondary Options

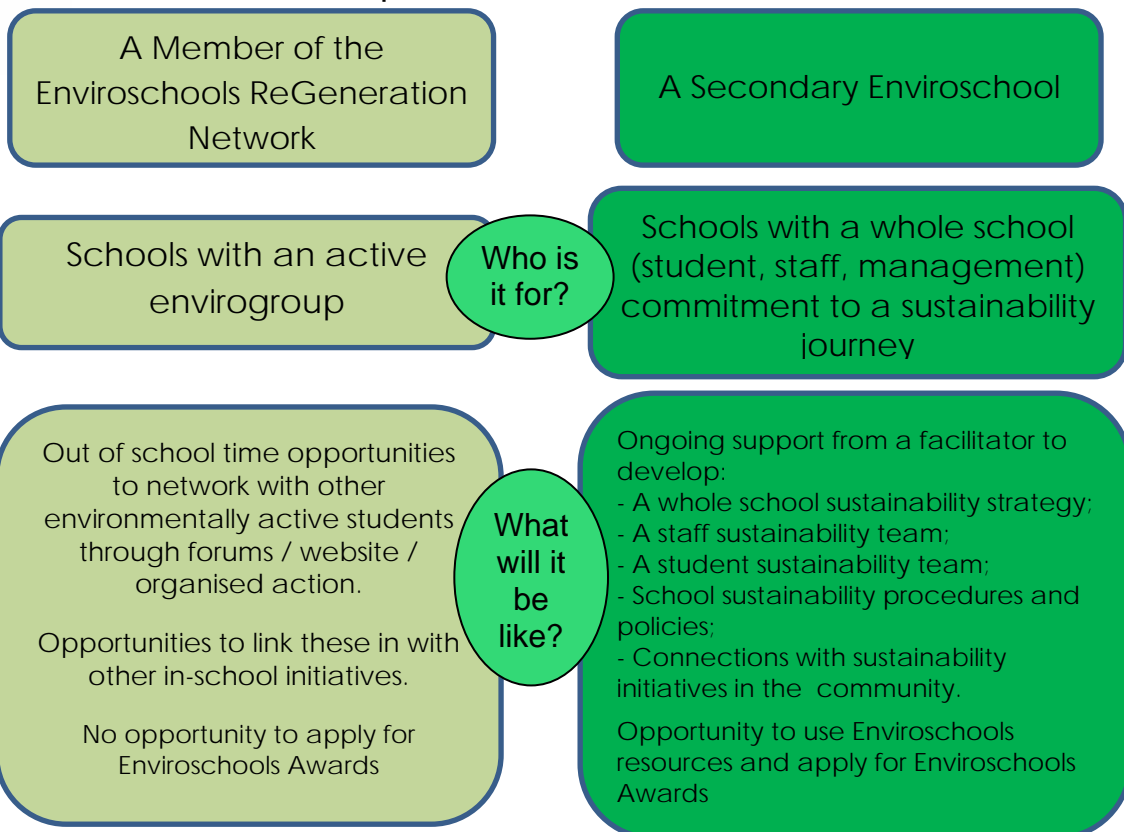
**Kura Kaupapa** – A Kura Māori Programme is under development. We do not currently have a Kaitakawaenga available in this region to work with kura in Te Reo Māori. However, our facilitators can work with your staff on their sustainability journey using the Enviroschools Guiding Principles and the mainstream resources which are philosophically well suited to a Māori Kaupapa . We have staff in parts of the region who speak conversational Te Reo and, for kura who are strongly committed, there may be opportunities for staff to train using the newly trialled Kura Māori programme and Māori medium resources. Kura Kaupapa who are interested in an Enviroschools journey are encouraged to contact us to discuss the options.

**Secondary Schools** – So far in this region mainly primary schools have engaged in a whole school Enviroschools programme. However, there are increasing numbers of examples across the country of secondary schools who have successfully implemented the Enviroschools Programme. For secondary schools who want to support their students to be involved in environmental action but are not ready for a whole school approach involving the teaching staff, you may also like to explore the Enviroschools Regeneration Network. This is a network of young people who gather regularly to plan and take action for the environment with other young people. Please contact the Enviroschools Youth Coordinator to discuss this.



### Wellington Secondary Schools Enviroschools

Options – schools can be . . .



**Early Childhood** - We have piloted the Enviroschools Programme with Early Childhood Centres extremely successfully. A guide for Early Childhood is currently under development and we are exploring the opportunity to run cluster groups for interested Early Childhood centres in this region. Please contact the Regional Coordinator.

## Application Dates in the Region

Area	Ongoing funding partners	Supporting organisations	Applications
Kapiti Coast			Close 23 April, 2010.
Upper Hutt City	No current funding support.		Applications from new schools will be placed on a waiting list until an ongoing funding source is secured.
Hutt City			Close 23 April, 2010.
Wellington City	No current ongoing funding support		Applications from new schools will be waitlisted until an ongoing funding source is secured.
Porirua City			Close 23 April, 2010.
Wairarapa	 	 	Close 23 April, 2010.
Early childhood			Kindergarten or other associations who would like to fund their centres to be part of the programme are welcome to contact the regional coordinator to discuss this.