

## Green Days

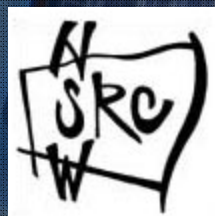
Initiating a school environmental project to coincide with an 'environment day' or event is a great way to bring awareness to your project.

Some well known 'Green Days' are:

- **Earth Hour**  
28 March 2009, 8:30 pm
- **Schools Clean Up Day**  
27 February 2009
- **Clean Up Australia Day**  
1 March 2009
- **National Tree Day**  
26 July 2009
- **Schools Tree Day**  
24 July 2009
- **World Water Day\***  
Date to be confirmed

With knowledge  
comes responsibility  
so...

**Let's Improve,  
Make the Move!**  
towards a healthier  
environment



Sources:

[www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au)

[www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

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## About this brochure

The aim of this brochure is to provide helpful information to assist student leaders to initiate school environmental projects.

Students are encouraged to take action on local and global environmental issues.

## Taking Action

Four steps are involved in taking action in student-led projects.

These steps require student leaders to consider important questions.

### 1. Thinking (research)

- Why is this a good idea or plan?
- What are we hoping to achieve?
- How will we know we have achieved our goal?
- What are the potential barriers to the plan?

### 2. Planning

- Who will coordinate the plan?
- How long do we need in order to plan the project?
- What ingredients are required to make the project a success eg, costs or materials?
- How will we tell the community of our success?

### 3. Doing

- Who is going to carry out the many tasks?
- How can we engage the school community?
- Who will supervise the activity?
- Who will record or document the activity?

### 4. Celebrating

- How will the school community recognise and celebrate the achievement?
- Will the school use media?
- How will we tell the wider community about the school's achievement?

## Competitions

Competitions provide the extra incentive for school communities and environment groups to excel. Participating in a competition also develops recognition of student leaders and awareness of school environmental projects.

**ENVIRO INSPIRO!** is a competition coordinated by the NSW SRC. It encourages secondary schools to showcase their student-led school environmental projects. For more information, visit the *Enviro Inspiro!* website [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/statecompetitions/enviro\\_inspiro](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/statecompetitions/enviro_inspiro)

## Useful Websites

- **Sustainable Schools NSW**  
[www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au)
- **Department of Environment and Climate Change**  
[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/)
- **Landcare**  
[www.landcareaustralia.com.au](http://www.landcareaustralia.com.au)