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1. Context

Marino Institute of Education (MIE) is an important third level education provider located in Griffith Avenue, and the MIE campus contributes to the environment¹ and character of the Marino area. As an educational institution it has a role in, and a responsibility to, society to promote sustainability and sustainable development² throughout all its activities both academic and institutional. This means that teaching, research, services, building development and administrative operations should be conducted in a manner that protects and enhances the environment¹, conserves and restores natural resources, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and supports the community and society as a whole.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish the underlying principles of sustainable development that inform the conduct of MIE in all its activities.

3. Benefits

This policy articulates the values and principles of MIE and its interaction with its environment¹.

4. Principles

MIE is committed to:

- Balanced development with regard to the environment, economy and society;
- Demonstrating leadership in terms of our environmental sustainability practices;
- Managing and operating its campus in a manner that protects and enhances the local and global environment by establishing quantitative goals for environmental performance and sustainability;

¹ See [Environmental Policy](#)

² Sustainable development is defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (Brundtland G (ed) Our Common Future: The World Commission on Environment and Development, Oxford University Press, 1987).

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- Developing its buildings and services with due consideration for biodiversity and the environment;
- Working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;
- Promoting intelligent resource use, namely sustainable transport use, minimisation and reuse of products/materials, green procurement, sustainable catering, recycling of waste streams, energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation;
- Incorporating the principle of sustainability and sustainable development into the induction, teaching, training and research activities of the Institute insofar as possible;
- Development of sustainability funding for use by departments, staff and students to support on-campus sustainability initiatives and innovations;
- Continuous environmental improvement, including pollution prevention throughout its activities and compliance with all relevant legislation in the area.

MIE accomplishes this through the;

- [Cycle to Work Scheme](#)

- Recycling initiatives³

- Energy conservation measures⁴

5. Responsibility

The President of MIE is responsible for this policy. This policy will be actively communicated and promoted to staff, students, contractors and visitors. Progress and implementation will be reviewed on an annual basis, also subject to a comprehensive review every three years.

6. Related Documents

6.1. [Environmental Policy](#)

6.2. [Cycle to Work Scheme Policy](#)

6.3. [Waste Management and Recycling Policy](#)

³ See [Waste Management and Recycling Policy](#)

⁴ See [Environmental Policy](#)