

Dear **Canterbury Preparatory School**,

19 December 2022

We would like to extend our most earnest gratitude for all your contributions to making successful eco-efforts in 2022. Thank you for recording and sharing with us your WESSA Eco-Schools journey, it was a pleasure reading all the amazing things you have done in 2022. We are excited to award your school with a fully deserving **Bronze Award** - Congratulations!

We have the following comments for you to consider:

Steps	Comments
1) Form an Eco-committee 2) Conduct an audit	<p>Thank you for establishing such a great eco-committee! It is always exciting to see new faces join the programme and we can't wait to see your eco-committee grow as you continue with your eco-efforts next year. It was great to see parents taking part as well.</p> <p>Thank you for conducting an audit for your school. It's great to see that you selected Biodiversity and Nature as your first theme!</p>
3) Implement an action plan Biodiversity and Nature - Species List Database - Incorporate the theme into classrooms - Remove Invasive Plants - Plant Indigenous Plants - Habitats (Bee Gardens) - Heritage Day (involve the community)	<p>Thank you for sharing all your school's amazing eco-projects. Your action plan for Biodiversity and Nature is detailed and it was great to see how your school incorporated different grades.</p> <p>It was great to hear that your school is going to implement an outdoor classroom and the sensory garden is a great way to get students outdoors and learning about their environment.</p> <p>The eco-pond is an amazing display of biodiversity, and the bat box is a nice addition – well done!</p> <p>Your eco-brick collection is inspiring, and it is great that your school is supporting the 1st German Scout Group.</p> <p>At WESSA, we love bees to, and it is nice to see that your school has two hives that are well looked after.</p> <p>From planting indigenous trees and establishing recycling projects to the Nature Club activities, your school excelled this year and can wear the Eco-School name with pride.</p>

4) Monitor & Evaluate	Your school achieved and learned so much over the years! Thank you for sharing your project stats and reflections. This is an important step to take each year as your eco-projects grow.
5) Link to the curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4 – Life Cycles • Grade 3 – Eco Science 	You had some great links to the curriculum. We can see that your school has put in a lot of effort to incorporate lessons and activities linked to the theme. The students made some good posters and art! We look forward to seeing even more curriculum links in the future.
6) Showcase your work	Thank you for all the effort in compiling a great report and its evident that all the work that you do filters to the entire school. Keep up the good work! Please feel free to share with us throughout the year by tagging us @WESSA Schools Programme on Facebook.
7) Capture your goals in an Eco-code	The final step in the WESSA Seven Step process is to establish an eco-code at your school. An Eco-Code demonstrates your school's commitment to protect the environment through your action projects. For example: Our school is committed to protecting Biodiversity and Nature by establishing habitats, gardening, and keeping the school clean.

WESSA Eco-School registrations and toolkits are now online. Please register for the new year at www.ecoschoolsregistration.co.za or use the new registration form which will be distributed soon. Once you are registered you will receive access to our online resources. You are free to share the login details with all Eco-committee members, thus allowing anyone to access and download resources. These include the updated Eco-Schools handbook, relevant guidelines, and additional resources for every one of the 11 themes.

For a successful **Silver Award** year, you will need to re-register, continue with your first project, conduct another audit, and carry out a second project with a new theme.

As a registered Eco-School, you are permitted and encouraged to display the WESSA and Eco-Schools logos proudly. We love that your school community is filled with **#PeopleCaringForTheEarth**. Well done and congratulations again! We look forward to seeing more from you in the new year! All the best for 2023!

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