



The Hon Ray Williams MP

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\$3,500 SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS FOR NSW SCHOOLS

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP announced the NSW Environmental Trust's Eco Schools Grant Program opens for applications on Monday 30 April and encouraged schools in Castle Hill to apply.

The Eco School Grants Program is designed to support and nurture students' passion to protect and learn about the environment.

Mr Williams said a total of eighty Eco School Grants worth \$3,500 each are now available.

"The NSW Environmental Trust Eco School Grants provide schools across NSW with the opportunity to deliver hands-on, curriculum-based environmental education," said Mr Williams.

"The grants can be used to support a variety of environmental projects from edible and sustainable eco-gardens, waste audits and learning about enhancing native habitat.

"I encourage educators and school communities to apply for one of the eighty grants which aim to promote environmental sustainability knowledge, values and behaviour.

"Eighty-two schools were awarded Eco School grants last year, including teachers from Ryde East Public School who are working with their students to develop a wildlife corridor, and Kurri Kurri High School where students with special needs are developing an outdoor classroom and garden.

"Grants this year will be offered to student focused environmental management projects, including litter and waste reduction, water and energy conservation, bush regeneration, habitat improvement and food gardens.

All NSW Registered schools, registered on the [Sustainable Schools NSW website](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au), can apply for funding as long as they have not received funding under the previous 2017 round.

Grant applications can be submitted until Monday 18 June 2018.

Schools can contact the Environmental Trust on (02) 8837 6093, info@environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au or visit the website for more information: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/schools.htm

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