

Student Environment Team (SET)

A part of the Home Group Program

What is SET?

SET stands for the 'Student Environment Team.'

It is made up of students in both Years 11 and 12. It is part of the weekly Home Group program at Hobart College, so, like all the Home Groups, they meet every Wednesday for 1.5 hours.

This is a self-nominated Home Group program and you sign up as part of the course selection process, or at the start of the school year.

The SET team works hard to improve the College campus and its community. Each year the activities are different as they are student driven. Teachers facilitate the group and it's a collective decision as to what is the focus for the year.

Who is SET for?

The SET team is for ANY student who is interested in the environment and sustainability, both at the College campus and in the wider community. It is for anyone who is interested in working as a team member to be involved in something bigger than themselves - enacting change on a campus of 1100 students and 150 staff!



What happens at SET?

All the pastoral care, administrative and housekeeping tasks that are done through the regular Home Group program are done in the SET team HG. These include:

- weekly announcements about what's happening on campus, or opportunities within and outside of College, like guest speakers, expos, scholarships
- school assemblies and celebrations of awards
- special Matinee of the College production
- course selection for the Year 11 students moving into Year 12
- pathway and career planning

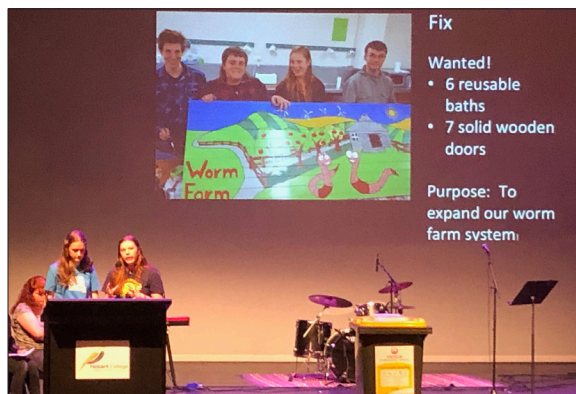
Specific SET team tasks include:

- the opportunity to participate in the Tasmanian Colleges' Sustainability Network
- the opportunity to represent the College at two Climate Change conferences - the Sustainability Learning Centre's (SLC) NAIDOC WEEK Celebration activities, and participate in the Kids for Kids Conference as a guide or workshop facilitator
- managing the recycling and FOGO programs
- celebratory morning teas



What has the SET team done so far?

- Worked collaboratively to improve environmental sustainable practices and achieve sustained behavioural change of students and staff at the College
- Signage and communication of SET team goals to students via assemblies, campus TV monitors, newsletters and Facebook.
- Provided feedback to the College's Principal and School Executive Officer about SET initiatives, facility management and policy directions
- Created a SET team private Facebook group to share ideas, events and resources
- Invited guest speakers to share expertise with the SET team
- Managed/audited the usage and collection of recycling wheelie bins for fortnightly collections by VEOLIA
- Facilitated the operation of three worm farms to utilise organic waste from E Block and the Cafe.
- Advocacy— provide opportunities for student voices to be heard through actioning letter writing and meetings with local government and Youth Environmental groups with a focus on moving towards zero landfill/ waste across the entire campus
- Assisted with the introduction of the FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) collection scheme at College through the City of Hobart.
- Developed a draft College Waste Management policy to reduce the College's carbon footprint
- Organisation and running of a clean up of the College campus (this aligns with Clean-Up Australia Day)
- Met with the College Canteen Committee to remove plastic single-use serving containers and only use bio-degradable packaging and BYO containers; BYO coffee cups get a 50c discount on coffee!
- Initiated a Mug Library, as well as a sustainability focus at the College's Food Fair through the use of ceramic bowls/plates and provision of a wash-up station
- Facilitated a fun Clothes Swap event for College students
- Excursion to McRobie's Gully Landfill and the Resource Centre (Tip Shop) to see Hobart City Council's recycling management program
- Student-initiated marine debris clean-up on local beaches



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