

The Green Day Guide

BRIGHT IDEAS FOR STUDENTS



GREEN MUFTI

On the day, students and teachers wear green or 'environmental themed' clothing to help increase awareness about the environment and to raise money for a school environmental project.

The 'green team' collects a gold coin donation from each participant. Some ways to use the funds could be to grow native plants, buy a water tank or install a bike rack.

Hold a Green Day fashion contest and award prizes to the 'greenest' outfits. Invent your own categories, eg Most Gruesome Green and Most Gorgeous Green. Prizes could include canteen vouchers or novelty environmental gifts.



LIGHTS OFF!

Hold a 'Lights Off' Green Day to highlight ways to reduce electricity use.

Students and teachers should agree to switch off all unnecessary lighting at school for a set time. Ideas to get started:

- Locate all areas in the school where artificial lighting is not required
- Switch off any lights which are not necessary
- Open curtains and blinds to allow extra light into rooms
- Install energy efficient light globes in the school
- Install timer switches on lights to reduce usage.

Raise awareness about how these steps will help your school. Save money and the environment!

There are more great ideas for your Green Day event at the Sustainable Schools NSW website:
www.sustainableschools.nsw.edu.au



MEDIA SHOWCASE

Showcase the winning environmental project movies from *Enviro Inspiro!*

Download the movies from:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/events/statecompetitions/enviro_inspiro/index.php

Show the movies at a school assembly. Encourage students to start planning so they can enter their own environmental project in next year's *Enviro Inspiro!*



GREEN ASSEMBLY

Hold a student-run Green Day school assembly. Here are some themes for the school assembly:

- Ideas for students to help improve the school or local environment
- Ways for students to cope with climate change
- Tips to conserve energy or water at school.

How to run a Green Day school assembly:

- Ask an interested staff member to help
- Make an appointment with the school principal and negotiate a suitable time and place for the assembly
- Invite a suitable guest speaker, eg an environmental expert or organic gardener
- Promote the event at school.

On the day, meet and greet the guest speaker. Formally introduce and thank the guest speaker for their message.

Make sure that there's a follow-on school activity to support the Green Day message, eg:

- Buy and plant native seedlings
- Design a better recycling system
- Report on water savings.