



# Enviroschools

The kaupapa of the Enviroschools programme is about the well-being of the whole school, community and ecosystem. Students and schools that are working towards sustainability play a significant role in creating sustainable communities by:

- Role modeling sustainable practices;
- Enabling students to be teachers among their families and peers; and
- Creating future leaders who understand how to make informed decisions and take action.

Early childhood centres, primary, intermediate and secondary schools are all part of our Enviroschools network and each takes a slightly different journey. Integrating education for sustainability into the whole of school life creates learning opportunities and a range of benefits. These benefits include:

- Environmental improvement;
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour;
- Youth leadership;
- Increased involvement of communities; and
- Knowledge about a range of sustainability issues.

## Want to start your Enviroschools journey?

The first thing to do is to find out what it means to be an Enviroschool. Check out the Enviroschools website [www.enviroschools.org.nz](http://www.enviroschools.org.nz) and get in touch with us to discuss what is involved with the Regional Coordinator.

Next, discuss the programme fully with your staff and Board of Trustees. To be an Enviroschool everyone needs to be on board. Identify lead teachers who would be capable and willing to coordinate the programme in your school.

The next step is to become a Friend of Enviroschools. As a Friend you can explore the programme, get to know the kaupapa and begin your journey. Once the school is ready to make the commitment and become an official Enviroschool, and capacity allows, speak with your Regional Coordinator to discuss and complete a support agreement.

Once your school becomes an Enviroschool you receive the support and guidance of a local Facilitator and Regional Coordinator. Support includes regular school visits, ongoing advice on your Enviroschools journey and opportunities to share and learn from other Enviroschools in a supportive workshop environment. These workshops are held regularly.

A big thank you to our funding partners. Without your support for this innovative programme, students in your districts would not be the ambassadors they are of our beautiful Region's natural environment and unique communities. If you would like to talk about becoming a funding partner, get in touch with the Regional Coordinator on toll free 0508 800 800.