



# Finalists Announced!



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The finalists for the 2022 Premier's Sustainability Awards have been announced – and we are so excited to be named amongst these amazing change makers!

We are a finalist in the Thriving Environment category for our Indigenous Garden and Indigenous Bee and Butterfly Gardens projects.

Celebrating their 20th anniversary in 2022, the awards shine a spotlight on the innovators and leaders in sustainability.

41 finalists have been selected across each of the 6 categories:

- Future Energy
- Thriving Environment
- Sustainable Places and Destinations
- Circular Economy Innovation
- Healthy and fair society
- Waste and litter reduction

A Community Champion and Industry Leader will be crowned for each of the categories, as well as a Premier's Recognition Award and Premier's Regional Recognition Award. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in September.

The Premier's Sustainability Awards are presented in collaboration with Sustainability Victoria on behalf of the Victorian government, Banksia Foundation and Keep Australia Beautiful (Vic).

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA), the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning, and the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) are sponsors of this year's awards.

For more information see below, for photos and profiles of St Joseph's and all finalists, visit <https://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/psa-2022-finalists>



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**Sustainability**  
Awards 2022

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP

Finalist  
**St Joseph's Primary**



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St Joseph's Primary School strives to make a positive impact within its community by teaching and living sustainable values. Although green space makes up only 10 per cent of our campus, the primary school has developed a range of small gardens that provide habitat and plant diversity for Indigenous insects and fauna. St Joseph's has already gained 3 stars as a participant in the Sustainability Victoria Resource Smart Schools Program.

In 2021, St Joseph's won both the Independent Schools Victorian Greatest Demonstrated Improvement of Green Space Award and a Junior Woolworths Landcare Grant to create an Indigenous bee and butterfly garden. All students were involved in researching and building habitat boxes for these insects as part of the garden project. They also propagate and plant species of plants to help attract and support the bees and butterflies.