



Robyn Preston MP

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HAWKESBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW \$10 MILLION SUSTAINABILITY GRANTS

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP today welcomed a four-year grants scheme to support students to develop innovative sustainability projects at their schools.

The Sustainable Schools Grants program is open to all NSW public schools and provides up to \$15,000 for student-lead initiatives that improve the environment at schools.

“I’m proud that the NSW Government has launched these new Sustainable Schools Grants, which will provide \$10 million over four years to support hands-on sustainability projects for our young people,” Ms Preston said.

“It’s an exciting opportunity for schools in the Hawkesbury area to get behind. I look forward to seeing the projects that come from the grants at schools in our local area.”

Grant applications, which opened Friday 1 November, must be for projects that include hands-on activities for students to learn about sustainability, be linked to the curriculum, and improve the sustainability of the school environment.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said the grants are about the students, their education and allowing them to take charge and responsibility for the sustainability of their school and local area.

“I expect we’ll see a wide variety of sustainability projects, or strategies for more sustainable transport, or plans to establish kitchen gardens. This funding will enable schools to bring those ideas to life.”

The first round of grants applications can be submitted between 1-29 November, and successful applicants will be notified in February 2020. Schools will implement their projects by November, when the following year’s applications open again.

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