



Enviroschools Fact Sheet

What is Enviroschools?

The Enviroschools programme sits within [The Toimata Foundation](#). It is a not-for-profit trust that supports children and young people to be active citizens, contributing to ecological regeneration and the creation of healthy, resilient and sustainable communities.

Enviroschools has a current network of just over 1300 schools, kura and eces, that reaches over 168,000 tamariki and students. The Toimata Foundation is the national hub for two programme areas: Enviroschools and Te Aho Tū Roa.

In this region, the Enviroschools programme is supported by Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Central Hawke's Bay District Council, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council, Heretaunga Kindergarten Association and Napier Kindergarten Association.

How Enviroschools works

The Enviroschools Programme is implemented regionally, alongside regional council boundaries and sponsors. Each Enviroschool has a facilitator who guides and supports their journey. A region will usually have a number of people working as facilitators and a Regional Coordinator who ensures collaboration, networking and support between all agencies.

In some regions Enviroschools is facilitated in a cluster approach where one facilitator may work with a number of schools or early childhood centres and schools can support one another.

There are three stages of Enviroschools which reflect the level of integration of sustainable practise within that school. As you become more sustainably focused and practices are

demonstrated in your school, you may choose to move through the stages.

Role of the facilitator

It is the facilitator's role to support and guide a schools Enviroschool journey. To provide you with information and tools that you and your Envirogroup may use to further implement sustainability into your school.

As an Enviroschool, it is important that the students and teachers work together to make their own environmental integration plan that best suits the school's needs. Your facilitator can help you find the right direction, but it's up to you to make the decisions and follow the processes through. That's what being an Enviroschool is all about!

What happens next?

Once your school has made a decision to investigate further contact the local Enviroschools team to meet and discuss. Before this however you can complete and send in your registration of interest form. You can download this form from the [HBRC website](#).

- Check out the national Enviroschools website www.enviroschools.org.nz
 - Once your school has signed an agreement. You will purchase the Enviroschools Kit, Handbook and Theme Area Kit.
 - An Enviroschools sign is also available for the school gate or wall to promote your participation to your school community.
 - Note in some regions you may need to go on a waiting list.
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Keep up to date

The Enviroschools Hawke's Bay Newsletter is produced once a term. This is full of news & updates from around our regions Enviroschools. A great way to learn and be inspired.

For more information contact enviro@hbrc.govt.nz

Events

Throughout the year you will have the opportunity to join in with Enviroschools events. These range from cluster group teacher hui to Student Days of Activities & Workshops. When we are not impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

Meet the Facilitators – Schools - We have three part-time school facilitators who will visit and guide your Enviroschools journey:

Sonya Sedgwick joined our team in September 2013 and works primarily with our Hastings and Napier schools. Her qualifications in ecology and love of native plants are a real advantage in this role. Sonya also manages our Enviroschools Hawke's Bay [Facebook page](#). Email: enviroschoolshb@gmail.com

Amy Davidson joined the Central Hawke's Bay Enviroschools facilitation team in July 2019. Amy is not new to CHB schools having been the zero waste coordinator for several years. Amy has two sons at Argyll East School and lives on a farm in CHB.

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Julia Howard is our newest facilitator who joined mid-2021. Julia supports our Northern Hawke's Bay Schools from Tūtira to Mahia. Julia and her family live in Frasertown. She has been a music teacher at Wairoa College, worked for the District Council and with Rangitahi at The Limery. Julia is a strong advocate for the environment. Email: enviroschoolswairoa@gmail.com

Kindergartens

Both the Napier & Heretaunga Kindergarten Associations have trained Enviroschools facilitator within their association. Across the two associations, 32 kindergartens are part of the Enviroschools network. To find out more contact gm@napierkindergartens.co.nz | enquiries@hfka.co.nz

