

SUSTAINABLE STUDENTS



Project: Griffith University
Campus Carbon Challenge

What was your project about?

The Campus Carbon Challenge is a 10-week carbon reduction competition between the three Griffith University residential colleges on the Nathan and Mt Gravatt campuses.

Who was involved?

Approximately 900 students from all residential colleges were involved in this project. The students were supported by staff within Campus Life, Griffith University.



How did you fund the project?

The project was funded through round 4 of the Low Carbon Diet funding program.

What did we do?

Students from each college implemented a variety of strategies focusing on reductions in waste, electricity and water usage plus meat consumption. Strategies included vegetarian nights, reusable shopping bags, compost bins and 4 minute showers. Weekly audits were conducted in order to determine CO₂ reductions.

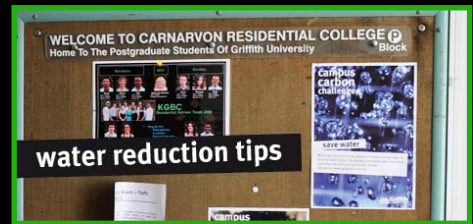
What are your next steps?

Following the completion of the challenge regular audits will take place in order to ensure that reductions in carbon emissions are continuing. Campus Life will continue to assist residential students in education and implementing strategies to ensure the colleges become environmentally sustainable.

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What worked?

Students have changed their waste habits and have increased the volume of recycling whilst decreasing general waste levels. Figures have shown a significant decrease in the amount of red meat consumed resulting in significant carbon emission reductions.



What did the project team learn?

When students work together they can achieve amazing results. All they need is to be educated about what steps to take to reduce their carbon emissions and how to change their habits.

