

# ENVIROSTATE CONTRACT

Council sponsors both of the Districts high schools, Te Puke and Katikati, to compete in the annual Enviro Challenge. The programme is delivered by environmental consultants, Enviro state, and enables our high schools to compete on an equal footing with other high schools in the sub region.

Council views this competition as having two main benefits to our communities:

- an environmental/sustainability component
- a strong focus on youth leadership through the ambassador programme.

Programme actions include:

- Environmental review of their school
- Enviro Challenge competition day with other local high schools
- Design and release of an environmental action poster and Youtube video
- Environmental debate
- Environmental quiz
- School environmental action plan
- Presentation of the plan to their board of trustees, staff and school
- Implementing environmental initiatives

Studies have shown that many students leave primary school with a strong commitment to environmental issues engendered through numerous age group activities, only to find that high schools have other areas of focus. Add to that, the turbulence of adolescence and changing personal priorities, and the result is that much of their earlier motivation for environmental action is lost (NZAEE 2012).

Enviro Challenge supplies for those high school students who wish to continue being active in the environment.

## **Ambassador programme**

The leadership aspect of this programme is also very important to Council. The ambassador programme focuses on a leadership development and sustainability training course in the Ruapehu District and is followed by the development of an environmental action plan for each ambassador's school. This is implemented with support of the Board of Trustees, staff, the Enviro challenge team, students and facilitators.

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