

Vegan Education in Schools

Proposal to establish a vegan club (school administration)

Years 7 to 12

To: [Administrator's name/school administration]

From: [Teacher's name]

Date: [Insert date]

Subject: Establishing a vegan club to promote empathetic and ethical education

Objective

The aim of this proposal is to gain approval to establish a student vegan club at [School Name]. This teacher-led initiative seeks to foster empathy, critical thinking and leadership skills in students by encouraging discussions and actions surrounding animal rights/advocacy, veganism and environmental sustainability. Students do not have to be vegan to join the club, and the club does not have to carry the name "vegan club" however the activities are all vegan-based.

Rationale

The establishment of a student vegan club aligns with our school's commitment to nurturing ethical and socially responsible students. The club will:

- Promote understanding of ethical issues concerning animals and their use in various industries.
 - Provide a platform for students to engage in leadership roles while fostering community spirit.
 - Encourage students to adopt sustainable habits that benefit all animals, the environment and their health.
 - Enhance the school's ethical and environmental education programs.
 - This group will be open to any student interested in learning about animal rights, fostering a welcoming environment for everyone, regardless of their prior knowledge about veganism.
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Examples of proposed activities

- **Educational workshops and guest speakers:** Host sessions on animal rights, veganism and sustainability, led by teachers, guest speakers or local advocates.
 - **Awareness campaigns:** Promoting events such as National Threatened Species Day, World Vegan Day, World Farmed Animals Day, Clean Up Australia Day, World Ocean Day and World Kangaroo Day.
 - **Creative projects:** Encourage students to produce videos, art, music and writing that promote compassion and awareness for animal rights.
 - **School campaigns:**
Plan events like "Vegan Education Days" or "Animal Advocacy" to raise awareness and inspire participation from the whole school community.
 - **Non-graphic film screenings:**
Arrange screenings of family-friendly documentaries such as *A Life on Our Planet* by David Attenborough, *Racing Extinction* or *73 Cows*. These films will spark meaningful discussions about animals and the environment without the need for graphic content.
 - **Community engagement:** Organise volunteering opportunities at local animal sanctuaries or clean-up events to promote direct action and responsibility.
 - **Canteen advocacy:** Collaborate with students to propose and implement more vegan options in the school canteen.
 - **Student challenges:**
Host fun, student-led challenges like "Live Vegan Challenge" to encourage exploration of veganism in an engaging way, "Vegan Recipe Swap Challenge" where students to share their favourite vegan recipes with peers and try cooking each other's creations at home and "Sustainable Lunchbox Challenge" where students can be challenged to pack a vegan, eco-friendly lunch.
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Logistics

- **Frequency of meetings:** Weekly during lunch or after school.
 - **Supervision:** The club will be overseen by [Teacher's Name] and may include support from other faculty members.
 - **Resources needed:** Meeting space, access to presentation tools and minimal budget for materials.
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Expected outcomes

- Enhanced ethical awareness among students.
 - Positive impact on the school community through awareness campaigns and sustainable initiatives.
 - Development of student leadership and collaboration skills.
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Approval request

We kindly request your approval to establish this club and to support its activities within the school. Please let us know if further information or clarification is needed.

Thank you for considering this proposal.

Signed:

[Teacher's Name] [Position] [Contact Information]