

Vegan Education in Schools

Proposal to the student council: establishing a vegan club

Years 7 to 12

To: [Student Council Members]

From: [Teacher's Name]

Date: [Insert Date]

Subject: Partnering with students to launch a vegan club

Purpose of the club

The vegan club aims to provide students with an opportunity to lead initiatives that promote empathy, sustainability, and ethical awareness regarding animal rights. By addressing pressing issues like animal farming, habitat destruction, and veganism, the club will empower students to make a difference both within and beyond the school community.

Why we need your support

Your support as student leaders is crucial to:

- Help recruit members and spread the word about the club.
 - Collaborate on awareness campaigns and events that align with school values.
 - Represent student interests in the club's planning and activities.
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Activities the club will organise

- **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 empathy 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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How you can get involved

- Join the club to help plan and execute events.
 - Use your platform to promote the club's activities through school announcements, posters, and social media.
 - Collaborate with us to ensure the club aligns with student needs and interests.
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Next steps

If the Student Council supports this initiative, we can:

1. Announce the formation of the club during the next assembly or student meeting.
 2. Host an introductory meeting to recruit members and discuss ideas.
 3. Plan our first event to launch the club's activities.
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Thank you for considering this proposal. Your involvement will help create a space for students to lead with empathy and make a lasting impact.

Let's work together to build an empathetic, more sustainable school community!

Signed:

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