

# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



MARIAN COLLEGE  
KUTTIKKANAM  
(AUTONOMOUS)

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**Responsible Officer:** Principal in collaboration with HODs/ Director or Dean of School

### 1. Preamble: Marian and Nature

Against the backdrop of the green cover provided by the Sahyadri hills at an altitude of 3,500 feet is Kuttikkanam in the Idukki district of Kerala. The place abounds in tea plantations and the people residing in the area include early settlers from the plains of Kerala and Tamil Nadu located in the Western Ghats. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is one of the eight "hottest hotspots" of biological diversity in the world.

As the college is known as a *College with Difference*; there is a clear vision on the protection, preservation and sustainability of the environment. The college has its own policy for the environment. The motto of the policy is, ***LIVE FOR THE NATURE AND LIVE WITH THE NATURE***

We recognize that every activity influences the local, regional and global environment. We believe in the peaceful coexistence of man and the nature. Marian College Kuttikkanam is committed to being a positive and creative force in the protection and enhancement of the local, regional and global environment through its teaching, administrative and support operations.

## 2. Objectives & Purposes of the Policy

This policy is intended to provide a guideline for eco-friendly living of all the stakeholders of Marian College both within and outside the campus. It should also serve as a guideline to decide our stance on environmental issues of the region and the state.

- To uphold the value and nobility of mother nature
- To orient the stakeholders of Marian College on the importance of nature
- To undertake ecofriendly initiatives and develop pro-active steps towards environment
- To motivate the youth for action to conserve, protect & restore the environment
- To promote networking and collaboration among professionals, agencies and youths to have a sustainable consciousness in development projects

## 3. Fundamental Principles

- Sustainable living and return to nature
- Minimize negative impacts on the environment
- Conserve and wisely use natural resources
- Respect biodiversity and natural systems

## 4. Practice Principles

The practice principle of this policy is based on the 4 core principles of environment protection, that is **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE & REPLACE**.

**REDUCE:** Use or buy only what we really need - there is no waste to treat when there is no waste to begin with.

**REUSE:** Don't throw away items that are reusable. Reduce waste by making full use of any item.

**RECYCLE:** Give items don't need to persons in need; recycle broken but recyclable items so that the resources can be recycled into usable items.

**REPLACE:** Adopt eco-friendly goods or lifestyles, such as using handkerchiefs instead of tissues, travel by public transport instead of private cars.

Under the policy it is essential to focus on the following components to ensure the sustainability and protection of the nature.

- Minimize the use of energy
- Seek alternative sources of energy
- Promote water harvesting
- Be environment conscientious
- Create awareness on environmental issues
- Minimize the use of plastics
- Waste has to be handled at the place of origin
- E-waste has to be handled properly
- Promote eco-friendly alternatives
- Based on the environment themes organize programmes and festivals in the campus
- Keep the premises neat and tidy.
- Abstain from inflicting any harm to the mother nature.
- Promotion of environment friendly best practices in adherence to the environment committee of Marian College.

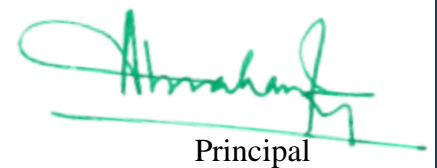
## 5. Implementation

Manager, Principal, Vice Principal, Directors, Head of the Departments, Extension Department Director, Hostel Directors are expected to support the implementation of this policy and assure compliance within their areas of administrative responsibility. The biodiversity clubs, NSS, NCC, Nature club etc. has a major role to play/ All staff, students and guests of the College are expected to carry out their duties and activities in a manner which supports the principles and purpose stated.

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A separate committee named environment committee will guide under the leadership of Manager, College Principal and other selected representatives for the effective implementation of the policy.

We welcome any good initiative; any good practices towards the realization of the above goals. Proper support and rewards will accompany any good practices.



Principal

