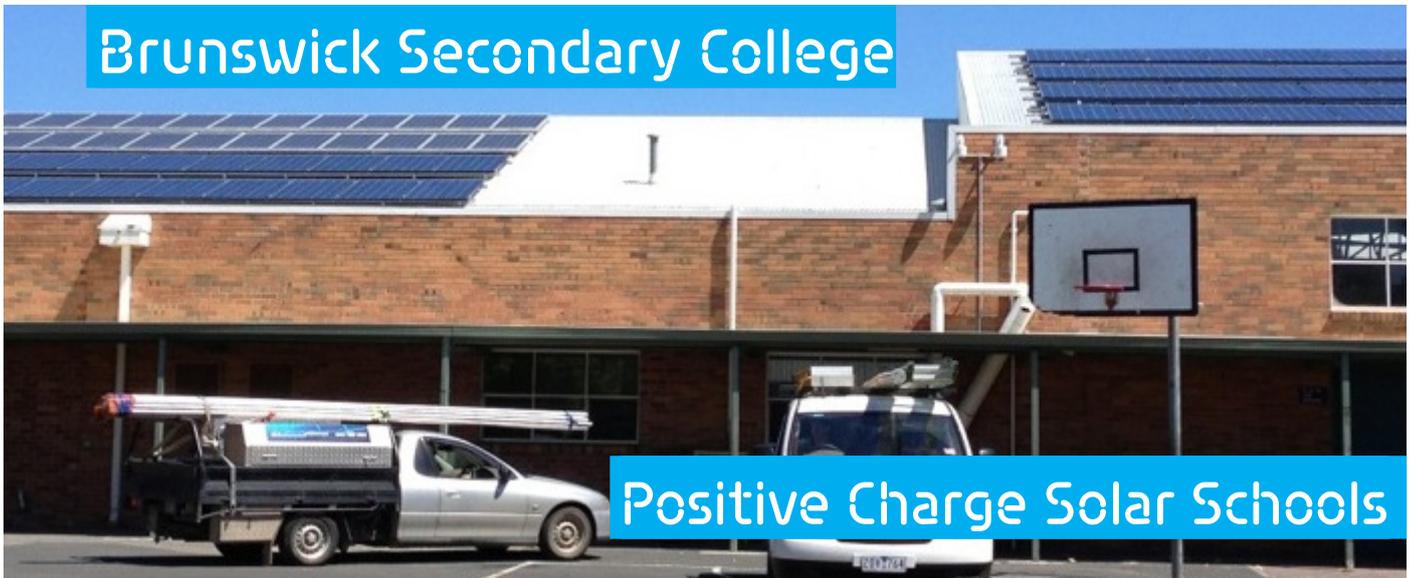


Brunswick Secondary College



Positive Charge Solar Schools

“Schools should show initiative and leadership in sustainability. Having solar is a good start but having things around it, like the environment club and sustainability in the curriculum are also essential. Our prime purpose is education, which is about values.”

- Principal Viv Tellefson

Thanks to Positive Charge, Braemac Energy Ltd and a supportive school community Brunswick Secondary College now has the biggest solar power system on a school that we know of!

Community Support

The students and staff at Brunswick Secondary College were all supportive of the solar install. Moreland Citizen of the Year, Peter Allan, a member of the school council panel, was the initiator and driving force behind the massive project.

Fundraising is still ongoing to pay for the system but everyone agrees that it is very worthwhile. It saves the school money, reduces CO2 emissions and helps the students learn about climate change adaptation and mitigation in the world that they are growing up in.

The Process

Viv Tellefson says that the process was smooth, with Positive Charge and Braemac working closely to ensure that the school got the best and biggest system they could afford. The install happened over the school holidays, meaning there was no disruption to the school day.

The Bigger Picture

Getting the solar power system installed is only one step in the schools sustainability journey.

Brunswick Secondary College has already worked hard to reduce their printing and copying needs, grow their own food and use rain water.

They plan to take further steps to improve the energy efficiency of the school, use rain water, including replacing lighting, fridges and copy machines.

Celebrating Achievement

A celebratory Solar Carnival was held on the 14th March. The students, teachers and members of the community were invited to celebrate all the work that had gone into achieving such a fantastic milestone. There was music, circus performers and a video made by students, as well as speeches, many thank yous and a tree planting. The school has every right to be proud!

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