



The logo for Flying Fruit Fly Circus features the words 'Flying', 'Fruit', 'Fly', and 'Circus' in a stylized, overlapping font. 'Flying' is orange, 'Fruit' is blue, 'Fly' is purple, and 'Circus' is red. Vertical lines intersect the letters. Below the logo is the text 'Environmental Statement' in a bold, grey, sans-serif font.

Environmental Statement

Our organisation has a responsibility to ensure the best possible futures for our young people, in every respect.

The planet is tracking towards critical global temperature increases. The evidence of serious environmental challenges grows ever clearer, from extreme weather events to widespread extinction of species.

Our circus makes an impact.

Educational and training facilities like ours can be significant creators of waste. At the circus we create work that is inherently temporary; that makes use of raw materials, of heat, light and sound; that often requires travel. We use water and power. We heat our building during winter and cool it during summer.

We acknowledge our impact on the environment and believe it is time we became part of the solution. We are committed to making the world our young people inherit as safe and sustainable as possible. We tell stories, share knowledge, shape culture and encourage empathy and understanding. We want to inspire, motivate and support our students and our diverse communities to help us drive change.

We have made some significant progress towards reducing the carbon impact of the Flying Fruit Fly Circus but the scale of the change required means we must scrutinise every part of the way we operate.

We understand this is a climate emergency and that it's our responsibility to set goals that enable us to reduce the environmental impact of our activities. We can all make a real difference, every day.

Our commitments are to:

- embed environmental sustainability at the heart of our practice.
- include our students in the process.
- ensure we take a positive and optimistic approach.
- set year-on-year goals.
- report on our progress annually.
- share our experience, learning from others within our community and the sector.
- work with Wodonga Federation of Government Schools to develop their own student-led environmental and sustainability policy statement.

Monitoring and reporting:

Our Environmental Statement will be reviewed on an annual basis by our Board and updated as necessary, its implementation and performance will be continuously evaluated.

Our areas of focus:

- **Students and staff**

We believe hope is our most fundamental strategy. We want our students and staff to feel empowered and supported to examine their own practice and decision making, with ideas for change filtering throughout our organisation. We must also enable all our visitors, contractors, stakeholders and audiences to understand and minimise their pollution and carbon footprint when engaging with us.

- **Our building**

Our building is comparatively new (2010) and benefits from some sustainable design features. In recent years we have made further improvements by reducing energy through solar panels and plan to reduce our water usage through new storage. We have more to do and will continue to set targets that will reduce our environmental footprint.

- **Transport**

As the Flying Fruit Fly Circus tours and our schools arrange excursions around the region, Australia and overseas, we will assess the impact of our travelling and will work to minimise carbon impact; however, the truth is that radical changes to national and international transport infrastructure are needed to reach carbon neutrality.

- **Our artistic program**

We want to incorporate resonant stories into our work, relevant to our young people and that can help to galvanise positive change. Accurate climate and ecological concerns will be reflected in our work.

- **Making contemporary circus**

We will consider each step of our process of training, creating and producing shows to better understand how we can reduce their environmental impact. We will share what we learn with our community broader sector and encourage the exchange of ideas.

- **Decision making**

Environment will be a standing agenda item for all meetings, ensuring impact is considered at every level of our decision making process.