

The SDG Accord

The University and College Sector's Collective Response to the Global Goals



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Integration of SDGs in

- Institutional governance/strategic level
- SDGs in research
- SDGs in campus operations
- SDGs in curriculum development
- SDGs in student engagement activities
- SDGs into community activities
- SDGs at a whole-institution level

Focus on

- Goal 1 - No poverty
- Goal 2 - Zero hunger
- Goal 3 - Good health and wellbeing
- Goal 4 - Quality education
- Goal 5 - Gender equality
- Goal 6 - Clean water and sanitation
- Goal 7 - Affordable and clean energy
- Goal 8 - Decent work and economic growth
- Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure
- Goal 10 - Reduced inequalities
- Goal 11 - Sustainable cities and communities
- Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production
- Goal 13 - Climate action
- Goal 14 - Life below water
- Goal 15 - Life on land
- Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions
- Goal 17 - Partnerships for the goals

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Summary:

TAFE Queensland Social and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan 2020-24

In the Social and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan 2020-24, TAFE Queensland outlines its goals, strategies and actions in achieving our commitment towards sustainability.

At TAFE Queensland we believe that vocational education and training has a key role to play in the achievement of the Global Goals and to make sure we leave a better planet for future generations.

Our staff, students and the community are working together to implement the actions highlighted in this plan.

TAFE Queensland Sustainability Snapshot

In December 2022, TAFE Queensland presented its TAFE Queensland Sustainability Snapshot 2020-2022, outlining our key achievements to-date.

Social and Environmental Sustainability Committee

We established the TAFE Queensland Social and Environmental Sustainability Committee to:

- Encourage and promote discussion around TAFE Queensland's social and environmental sustainability practices,
- Identify and discuss matters for areas of improvement in sustainable practices,
- Provide a regular forum for the exchange of ideas, opinions and information, and
- Provide updates on ongoing projects relating to the TAFE Queensland Social and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.

Membership of the committee is currently made up of staff from across the state of Queensland (Australia).

TAFE Queensland Website – Sustainability page

TAFE Queensland has a dedicated sustainability page on its website:

<https://tafeqld.edu.au/about/who-we-are/social-and-environmental-sustainability-action-plan>

Outline the 3 key benefits of integrating this theme:

TAFE Queensland launched its first ever Social and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan in June 2021.

The plan aligns to 10 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals ([SDGs](#)), across the following key commitments:

SOCIAL COMMITMENTS

- Community Health and Wellbeing
- Quality Education and Training
- Gender Equality and Inclusion
- Quality Job Outcomes

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

- Sustainable Water Management
- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Sustainable Buildings, Infrastructure and Landscapes
- Responsible Consumption and Production

Our staff, students and the community work together to implement this [plan](#).

We have promoted, implemented and monitored the actions in this plan closely to ensure our success.

Outline the barriers or challenges encountered in integrating this theme and how you overcame these:

There has been great progress this year and many quantifiable achievements. Maintaining the ongoing momentum has, at times, proved challenging however staff across the organisation work hard to prioritise SDGs amongst their competing priorities.

Please outline your conclusions and recommendations to others (Max 200 words):

TAFE Queensland is embarking on a journey to embrace the SDGs, with a focus on implementing strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality and promote economic growth in a bid to ending poverty.

The TAFE Queensland Social and Environmental Sustainability Action Plan is our guiding instrument and, increasingly, the actions in our plan are attracting more contributions from staff and students.

TAFE Queensland is proud that it became an official signatory to the SDG Accord in 2023 and looks forward to learning from the network and sharing our unique experience.