

# Climate for Change Action Burst

Grow Waitaha

## Student-led environmental stewardship in action

Building community and engaging in climate action plays an important role in empowering ākongā participation and leadership.

The following Climate for Change Action Burst shares practical activities for building climate action into your school culture. Use the action burst in your secondary school context to explore how you can:



establish and grow climate for action groups



empower student participation and leadership



integrate sustainability into your school's curriculum and culture



create lasting systems of change.

The student team from Rangī Ruru Girls' School\* share some of the key elements of their eco-friendly journey and initiatives:

- › Rangatahi-led leadership stories
- › Green Market and Thrift Day
- › Reuse Depot

Watch this video to learn about the key elements of their eco-friendly initiatives and journey.

[Climate for Change – Rangī Ruru Girls' School](#)

### Sustainability Initiatives in 2024



- Plan for further solar energy onsite
- Site pā harakeke
- Planting along Hewitts Road and with plants grown onsite
- Further planting of fruit trees
- Continue to grow fruit and vegetables for community
- Discouraging the use of artificial lawn at our kura



## Hei kōrerorerotanga Conversation Starters

1. Which one of the initiatives do you see as a strength to amplify in your school, and which idea do you see as a next step?
2. What organisations and individuals have you partnered with already and who maintains those relationships?
3. How can your school leverage local expertise and resources to create a sustainability project that benefits both students and the wider community?



## Hononga whaitake Useful links

[Climate Anxiety and Young People](#)

[Climate Anxiety - Top Tips for Kaiako and Leaders](#)

[Climate Anxiety - Top Tips for Whānau and Caregivers](#)

\*In 1890, Pāora Taki of Ngāi Te Rakiāmoa named Rangī Ruru which means 'wide sky-shelter.'