



Climate & Nature Leadership Pledge

For Elementary, Middle and Secondary Schools

We, Appleby College, pledge to work towards:

Vision + Strategy:

- Considering Indigenous ways of knowing and the seventh generation principle in our decision making and actions.
- Communicating a vision for our school's role as a leader and collaborator in the Climate and Biodiversity Crises embedded in our Strategic Plan and visible on our website.
- Short and longer term goals aligned with restoration and regeneration, consistent with the IPCC Paris Agreement defined targets to stay within 1.5 degrees of warming as well as the Kunming-Montréal biodiversity framework to halt and reverse biodiversity loss by 2030.
- Considering climate action plans when making choices of school partners (eg. apparel providers, banking institutions, insurance companies, etc.).

Organizational Culture:

- Nurturing a deep connection to place and nature.
- Embedding leadership in climate action and nature in the school values/ethos.
- Deepening our understanding of our position as an interdependent species in our ecosystem.
- Ensuring all members of our school community have the opportunity to co-create and implement the climate and nature action plans.

Collective Learning:

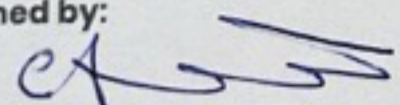
- Embedding climate change and nature in our core curricular program.
- Providing professional learning for all faculty, staff, and other key adult stakeholders.
- Ensuring the learning:
 - Reflects the intersectionality of the climate and biodiversity crises with the other social issues of our time, including diversity/equity/inclusion, truth and reconciliation, physical and mental health and wellness.
 - Is across all disciplines.
 - Emphasizes evidence-based hope and a solutions orientation.
 - Promotes intergenerational learning and action.
 - Supports and facilitates student agency.
 - Provides emotional health and wellness support.

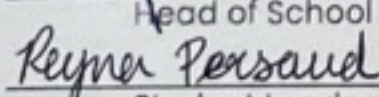
Physical Space:

- Reducing our ecological impact through short and longer term strategies related to carbon emissions, energy, materials (waste) management, water, and others.
- Protecting, managing, restoring and creating biodiversity and local/global ecosystem health.
- Centering climate and nature in school, campus, and institutional practices.

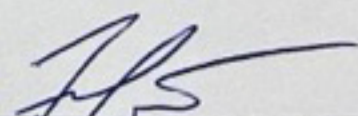
We will engage our broader school community and share our plans, progress and lessons learned publicly to promote and support the learning and source inspiration for their own climate action. This will include reporting key metrics and a summary of our progress annually to be shared on the Climate + Nature Leadership Pledge webpage.

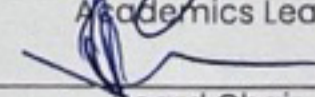
Signed by:




Head of School


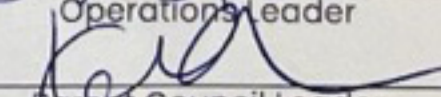
Student Leader



Academics Leader


Board Chair



Operations Leader


Parent Council Leader

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