Northern Territory Clinical School
Healthy People, Healthy Planet

Introduction
The NT Clinical School (NTCS) is a leading provider of health education in the Northern Territory. NTCS believe that a healthy environment is essential for a healthy population. We acknowledge the need to measure our environmental performance and we aim to reduce our ecological footprint. "Think Globally, Act Locally" underpins our program philosophy, which is reflected in our idea of establishing a monetary fund which is dedicated to environmentally improving the energy efficiency of our workplace and benefiting the local community. For our initiatives to be successful we required staffs commitment and achieved this by encouraging recognition of their environmental responsibilities.

Objectives
Our goal is to ‘green’ our office culture and practices by initiating a green program to aim for a sustainable workplace. The objectives of greening our workplace is to minimise the amount of carbon dioxide we produce by taking action and reducing energy consumption, air travel and waste. We want to create awareness and raise conscience among people about the growing concern of climate change and encourage positive behaviour.

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Methods
In June 2008, a preliminary environmental audit was conducted on air travel, the company car and waste. Since the audit, NTCS has reduced our environmental footprint through the following initiatives:

- Implementing action plan: “10 steps to a greener workplace”.
- Establishing a recycling program.
- Reducing paper usage.
- Hosting ride to work days and encouraging staff & students to cycle to the clinical school.
- Maximizing video conferencing facilities and usage to air travel is reduced.
- Hosting guest speakers with expertise on the issue of health implications of a healthy planet.
- Marketing our initiatives: Finalist in the Meleauca Awards- recognising environmental excellence.
- Sponsoring research into environmentally responsible mechanisms for disposal of medical waste in resource poor communities.
- Purchasing equipment that meets national standards for energy efficiency.
- Raising student & staff awareness & encouraging recognition of environmental responsibilities resulting in behavioural changes.

Results
NTCS 2007-2008 air travel equates to 18.7 times around the world!!!

![Graph showing CO2 emissions for 2007-2008]

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- Contribute to greening the curriculum at Flinders University.
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