

Lyreco helps University of Melbourne achieve a sustainable campus

The University of Melbourne enhances the experience of students and staff through the provision of a world class sustainable campus environment.

In its role as an international teaching and research based university, University of Melbourne acknowledges it has extensive environmental impacts. The university is committed to improving its environmental performance through teaching, research, engagement, operations and providing community leadership. Furthermore, University of Melbourne has made a commitment to reducing its environmental impacts by adopting an environment policy, implementing an environmental sustainability strategic plan, setting key objectives and targets to achieve its goals, and monitoring and reporting their achievements.

“The involvement of regulatory authorities, suppliers, contractors, academic colleagues, students and community groups is sought in documenting and achieving environmental objectives and targets,” says Danielle Rostan-Herbert, Sustainability Manager, Engagement, University of Melbourne. “Heads of budget divisions are responsible for ensuring all staff, students and stakeholders are engaged, encouraged and supported in achieving a sustainable campus”.

A sustainable relationship

As University of Melbourne’s preferred supplier of office supplies, Lyreco plays an integral role in the university’s overall sustainability plan. Lyreco identifies sustainable products needed by the university and suggests sustainable alternatives to current buying.

“Part of the success of our relationship has been that Lyreco demonstrates a clear understanding of our priorities,” says Danielle. “Lyreco built us a customised online ordering portal that highlights a range of sustainable products with globally recognised certifications. This allows us to increase sustainable purchasing by buyers across the university.”

A Fair Trade organisation

University of Melbourne is a Fair Trade organisation. Having successfully launched its Fair Trade program in 2012, the focus for 2013 was to increase staff and student awareness of the university’s commitment to Fair Trade and to increase the amount of Fair Trade certified products being used.

Lyreco now supplies the university with a range of Fairtrade certified coffee, chocolate and sugar products, Rainforest Alliance certified tea & UTZ certified instant coffee. In quarterly account reviews, Lyreco provides detailed reporting on the university’s consumption of these products.

“Lyreco was brilliant in providing me with specific information I required for the university’s annual Fair Trade report. Our account manager exceeded my expectations in getting back to me with very specific data, which I was able to include in my analysis,” says Danielle.

An accurate month by month break down of quantity and cost of Fair Trade tea and coffee was supplied by Lyreco for University of Melbourne’s annual Fair Trade report. Danielle says, “This type of data is invaluable in setting future goals and targets.”

