Sustainable Business Award Winner: KARDINIA INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

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An independent, non-denominational, co-educational school established in 1996, Kardinia International College demonstrated to judges a culture of trust, empowerment and inclusiveness.

Providing education for students from kindergarten to Year 12, Kardinia International College impressed the judges through its focus on new and innovative ways to teach students about the future and sustainability, while instilling real confidence and passion within them.

As a member of the Council of International Schools, junior school students follow the International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme Curriculum. From years seven to ten, students learn from a vertical curriculum, and are presented with the option to select either VCE or the IB Diploma in Years 11 and 12.

From developing its own 30-acre learning farm in Moorabool to embedding knowledge of a more sustainable world in its curriculum, Kardinia International College aims to develop knowledgeable and compassionate globally-minded citizens to act as agents of positive and sustainable change.

Judges were impressed by the college's efforts in preparing students to be active and well-informed citizens that are able to build a safer and environmentally-feasible future.

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Corporate Social Responsibility Winner: COASTYLE BUILDING SOLUTIONS

Specialising in custom homes, new builds, renovations and extensions, corporate social responsibility (CSR) runs in the veins of Coastyle Building Solutions. Combining a strong local focus, care of its workplace and an eye to the growing needs of the community, Coastyle provides employment to over 40 trades in the region and implements the services of local trades and suppliers, all while promoting and contributing to local schools and community groups.

Supporting key causes such as men's health and mental health, local not-for-profits and skilling up to meet the needs of the region's ageing population, Coastyle impressed the judges with its ability to follow through and take action on important social and health issues.

Extremely deserving of being awarded HIA's Victorian Small Professional Builder of the Year for five years running (2016-2020), Coastyle's dedication to the local community and region is commendable and has put them at the top of the list for this award by showing that businesses can respond to social issues by doing much more than just donating, noted the judges.