

# Green School

"We educate for sustainability, through community-integrated, entrepreneurial learning, in a wall-less, natural environment".



Project author or developer:  
**Green School**

Where:  
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<https://www.greenschool.org/>

"What do you want in a school? When you step onto a school campus, what do you want to see, hear, experience and feel? Imagine this - said Leslie Medema (Head of Academics) - a school without walls, a campus which ignites the senses and the natural curiosity of children, a place where innovation, creativity and learning flourish, a community, which has come together from all corners of the globe to share new experiences, a place of joy.

Seeing children learning by doing, hearing deep and meaningful student discussions, experiencing daily growth as a whole person and feeling the joy of being part of a vibrant community of learners is the Green School experience.

Welcome to your first glimpse of Green School. From wherever you are in the world, I invite you to explore what Green School offers to students, their families, the community and the world. Take a little time to look at all that we are able to share with you here.

Reach out to us to find out more and allow us to share with you, the Green School experience".

Our History

Creativity often springs from the confluence of disparate ideas and events, and such was the case with Green School.

Green School was conceived by its founders, John and Cynthia Hardy in 2006, following their exit from their jewelry business. After years of homeschooling, the Hardys wanted their daughters to attend a "real" school. John wanted the girls to attend a school that he believed in, a school that he would want to attend, and he wanted to stay in Bali. When he read Alan Wagstaff's "Three Springs", he was so inspired by the dream that he wanted to build it in Bali.

Then one day in 2006, John and Cynthia saw Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" and it changed their life. They were compelled to take up his call to action.

These events gave the Green School plan its reason and purpose, and in August 2006 John and Cynthia decided to build the school.

The School's bamboo bridge, spanning 22 meters across the Ayung River, was completed in November 2006, creating a beautiful, strong symbol of the transition from the realm of idea to reality. Green School opened in September 2008 with 90 students and a tailor-made campus that emerged from the jungle and rice fields. Since then it has grown to 400 students and to an inspiring example of education for sustainability.

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