

Dunsborough Primary School



Waste Wise Policy

Across Australia we are running out of landfill space. We are now seeing the devastating impact on the environment, and our communities, of wasteful practices.

Beliefs

At Dunsborough Primary School we believe in striving towards a world where people value the natural environment and care for their communities. We have been a Waste Wise School for 11 Years and will continue to adhere to waste minimisation strategies and promote a policy of waste avoidance and recovery.

Rethink Refuse Reduce Reuse Recycle

Goals


In implementing our Policy we hope to achieve the following goals;

- Develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values
- Teach, demonstrate and reinforce the health and safety procedures when participating in Waste Wise Programs
- Educate the School and wider community about the waste wise message
- Encourage participation of the whole school community
- Minimise the amount of waste going to landfill
- Examine and audit the waste collected to reduce and re-educate where necessary
- Encourage smarter, eco-friendly thinking about purchasing of products at school and at home
- Enhance the beauty of Dunsborough Primary School

Outline of Plan

1. Continue placement of recycling boxes in every room.
2. Continue emptying class bins from rooms into Council Recycling Bins.

3. Continue fortnightly placement of school/city recycling bins on verge for collection
4. Encourage the reduction in the amount of paper photocopied.
eg photocopy allowances given to all staff and audited; email newsletters; develop paper-free teaching methods including Seesaw Digital Journal and OneNote digital notebooks.
5. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math activities. eg Bottle tops, cardboard cylinder rolls, small boxes. These are stored in the Recycling Centre outside Room 3 and managed by a Staff member.
6. Enhance the beauty and cleanliness of the school grounds. eg Three waste stations around the school with sorting choices – Recycling, general waste, soft plastics and food waste. Whole School clean ups in allocated Zones.
7. Whole School clean ups occur periodically in allocated Zones.
8. Reuse the food scraps collected during the day from lunches and Crunch and Sip into compost, for chooks and worm farms.
9. Collection points for printer cartridges (Planet Ark), plastic lids (Precious Plastic Margaret River) and batteries (Battery All-Types).
10. Continue our Eco-bricks program to deal with the soft plastics on site.
11. Install litter sorting flowcharts at Waste Stations to assist community to choose the correct bin.



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