Moreton Bay Regional Council’s

School Waste Minimisation Program

The average school in Moreton Bay generates 792L of waste per day. That’s enough to cover a school oval in a 17cm layer of waste per year! It’s not all doom and gloom though. Data collected through Council’s School Waste Minimisation Program (SWMP) suggests that the average school’s waste stream could in fact be reduced by 66% through improved recycling and organics collection programs, that divert these valuable materials away from landfill.

The SWMP is Council’s FREE education service to schools. Designed as a milestone program, schools are supported and assisted through education, training, guidance and infrastructure, to implement improved waste management practices, including material diversion and reduction programs and behaviours. 68% of schools across the Moreton Bay region are already members of the SWMP. The program has assisted many of these schools to reduce their waste generation levels by an average of 20%.

SO what are you waiting for? Become a member of the SWMP today and access Council’s waste education and training services.

Training to support SWMP activity
- Waste Audit Training - prepare to conduct an audit of your school’s waste stream to determine the material composition and waste minimisation potential.
- Bin Inspect Training - learn to inspect and assess your school’s general waste, recycling and organics collection bins to determine if correct practice and behaviours are occurring. Identify key actions for improving your systems already at work.
- Train the Trainer - receive support from our SWMP trainers to prepare your students to roll out a new or improved recycling or organics collection program. SWMP infrastructure will be provided, along with a power point template to support your training (NOTE - you need to have completed an audit first).
- Teaching and Auxiliary Staff Training - staff training of recycling and composting and worm farming is available support the roll out of your new and improved collection programs.

In-class presentations
- Waste and Recycling - discover how waste is managed in the Moreton Bay region, including landfill, recycling, and other resource recovery.
- Nature’s Recyclers (Composting and Worm Farming) - learn how to set up and maintain composting and worm farm systems at your school.
- Litter and the Environment - explore the nature and impact of litter, identify littering behaviours, and create positive solutions.
- Waste Avoidance and Smart Shopping - learn about the waste hierarchy and how to apply the actions of reduce, reuse and recycle to become a sustainable shopper.
- Food for Thought - investigate the journey of food from ‘paddock’ to ‘plate,’ reasons behind food wastage, and how we can make better choices to reduce the impact of wasted food.

Excursions
Waste Facility Tour - discover where your household general waste and recycling bins go after collection, see a landfill in full operation, and check out Council’s Treasure Market. Running for 2 hours, all you need to do is organise the bus.

Rethink waste. Let’s get it sorted.
moretonbay.qld.gov.au/waste
To access Council’s school waste education and training services you need to register with the School Waste Minimisation Program. Please complete the details below, providing options for a Briefing Meeting at your site, and return to MBRCWasteEd@envirocom.com.au.

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**What presentations or training sessions is your school interested in:**

**Briefing meeting availability (3 options please):**

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**Curriculum Links**

Presentations, tours & programs are strongly aligned with the Australian Curriculum through:
- Science (Prep - Y4, Y6 - Y7, & Senior Secondary)
- HASS (Prep - Y4)
- Geography (Y4, Y7 - Y10 & Senior Secondary)
- Civics & Citizenship (Y3 - Y6, & Y8 - Y10)
- Economics & Business (Y5 - Y6)

Further general sustainability links exist within:
- Science (Y10)
- Geography (Y1, Y3, Y5 & Y7)
- Economics & Business (Y7)
- Languages, Design & Technology (Prep - Y6, Y9 & Y10)
- Health & Physical Education (Prep - Y10)

**Privacy Statement**

Moreton Bay Regional Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of arranging a School Waste Education Program visit or tour. The collection of this information is authorised under the Local Government Act. Some of the information may be given to staff and educators involved in the visit to confirm booking details and to inform you of future education opportunities. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission or we are required by law.