School Waste Minimisation Program

Is your school on a journey to become more sustainable?
Do you want to reduce your waste and improve your waste management systems?
The School Waste Minimisation Program (SWMP) is a milestone program providing schools with FREE guidance, advice, training, infrastructure and resources. Engage students in implementing more sustainable waste practices and change the culture within the school to be more resourceful. Create disposal and recycling systems that are ‘best practice’. Partner with Council and have your students and school become leaders in sustainability for the community.

Waste Facility tours

Have you ever wondered where the rubbish and recycling in your household wheelie bin goes? Students will gain a deeper understanding and appreciation towards how Council manages our unwanted ‘stuff.’ This free tour runs for approximately 3 hours and will take you behind the scenes at the Dakabin landfill and resource recovery facility. Students will learn how their household recyclable waste is sorted out and turn trash into treasure at a Treasure Market repurposing workshop. All you have to do is organise a bus.

In-class presentations

Presentations range from 30 minutes to 1.25 hours, depending on the year level, topic and group size.

- **Waste & Recycling**: Discover the valuable recyclable and recoverable resources in a load of rubbish. Identify with materials, their properties, their natural resource ingredients, and what happens beyond the recycle bin. Find out more about reducing, reusing and recycling, and the waste hierarchy, to understand why waste minimisation is more sustainable than disposal of waste to landfill.

- **Nature’s Recyclers - Composting or Worm Farming**: Learn how to set up and maintain composting and worm farming systems to divert food scraps and other organic waste materials from landfill. During this presentation a free compost bin and/or worm farm (with working worms) can be established for your school. For existing compost bins or worm farms, a ‘refresher’ lesson can be provided.

- **Food for Thought**: Every year Australians waste billions of dollars of food. What’s in the bin after you eat? Explore the journey of food from ‘paddock’ to ‘plate’, the energy and resources that go into producing food, the reasons for food waste, and the impacts of this on the environment. Learn strategies for making smarter, more sustainable food choices to help reduce wasted food.

- **Litter & the Environment**: Investigate the cause and impact of litter on our world. This presentation explores litter, littering behaviours, and the social, economic and environmental issues associated with littering. Learn how to implement a litter audit and discover practical everyday solutions to reduce litter and minimise its impacts.

- **Waste Avoidance & Sustainable Shopping**: Packaging is rubbish in disguise; when we shop we are making choices about our waste. Examine the world of packaging and its impacts. Discover how to apply the actions of reduce, reuse and recycle, and the waste hierarchy, to become a sustainable shopper and create a nude food lunch.

Places are limited. Book early!

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School Details:

School:

School address:

Contact person:

Phone:  
Mobile:

Email:

I would like to register for:

☐ School Waste Minimisation Program
☐ Waste Facility tours

Specific waste education curriculum:

☐ Waste & Recycling
☐ Nature’s Recyclers
   (please tick one)
   ☐ Worm farm set up
   ☐ Compost bin set up
   ☐ Both

☐ Food for Thought
☐ Litter & the Environment
☐ Waste Avoidance & Sustainable Shopping

Class Details:

Year level:

Number of classes:

Number of students in class:

Access to a smartboard or projector?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Preferred Dates:  Times:

1:  
2:  
3:  

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