

WASTE MINIMISATION POLICY

Rationale:

- Our school, like all schools, has the potential to produce large amounts of solid waste and landfill. However, strategies that reduce waste lead to financial savings for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and opportunities for students to develop environmentally sound attitudes and habits.

Aims:

- To develop an environmentally conscious school culture that minimises waste.

Implementation:

- Our school has an unwavering commitment to environmental conservation by minimising waste.
- We are active members of the 'Waste Wise Schools' program and our school has been accredited as such.
- A committee consisting of staff, parents and students coordinates all aspects of the program.
- The committee develops and implements an action plan each year.
- Key action plan strategies will include:
 - Separate colored compost, recycle and rubbish bins.
 - Waste monitoring and audits.
 - Photocopier limits, use of email and white boards, encouragement of double siding and notepads.
 - Roadside recycling collections.
 - Worm farms, gutter guardians, paper recycling, designated eating areas, clean up days, washable utensils and lunch boxes vs. lunch bags.
 - The curriculum at all year levels will include waste minimisation and recycling.
 - Awards for reaching waste reduction targets and incentives or recognition awards being announced and distributed on World Environment Day.
 - Electronic newsletter
 - We encourage rubbish free lunches (clean foods)
- We will communicate closely with the local council, other schools and environmental groups to investigate other methods of waste minimisation.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.