



SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL WASTEWISE POLICY

Ratified: 17th June, 2014

RATIONALE

Strategies that reduce waste lead to financial savings for the school, benefit our environment and provide opportunities for students to develop environmentally sound attitudes and habits.

AIM

To develop an environmentally conscious school culture which minimises waste.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Our school is committed to minimising waste.
- Classes participate in the 'Waste wise lunches' program which encourages students to reduce waste
- Staff, parents and students are involved in all aspects of the program.
- Sustainability coordinator will lead a Student Action Team to meet and coordinate compost and waste related tasks
- **Key action plan strategies include:**
 - ✓ Separate and collect compost, recycle and rubbish bins.
 - ✓ The Sustainability Co-ordinator (staff member) will organise A Student Action team that will conduct waste monitoring and audits. Results will be shared in Monday's Message or the newsletter.
 - ✓ One bin and one compost bin will be in the school playground.
 - ✓ Use of email and whiteboards will be encouraged in order to minimise photocopying for classrooms use.
 - ✓ Staff will try to have at least one photocopy free day per week
 - ✓ Students will take all their own packaging waste home - "Carry in/Carry out"
 - ✓ Curbside recycling collections.
 - ✓ Parents will be encouraged to access the school newsletter online, with a gradual phasing out of hard copies.
 - ✓ Staff to double side photocopying where possible.
 - ✓ Plastic and paper recycling, composting and designated eating areas.
 - ✓ Participation in clean up days eg. ('Schools Clean Up Day' in conjunction with 'Clean up Australia Day').
 - ✓ All classes and staff recycle paper.
 - ✓ Waste wise lunches and weekly awards for winning grade (Leafy trophy and popcorn machine)
 - ✓ Visiting speakers on recycling from local council
- The Sustainability Coordinator 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.