

Jerramungup District High School



Waste Sorted Policy 2023

In seeking to become an accredited waste sorted school, the entire school community has the potential to make changes that will improve our school's resourcefulness, educate our community, and do our bit to contribute to a more sustainable world.

Beliefs:

At Jerramungup District High School we believe in minimising waste and taking personal responsibility to reuse and recycle our waste whenever it is possible, and in striving to learn and teach each other better ways to use our precious resources. Re-using and local organic breakdown are the best options, followed by recycling, and lastly landfill.

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| STOP | Don't put unwanted items straight in the general waste bin, or on the ground |
| THINK | Think about whether the unwanted item could be used later on for some other purpose |
| RECOVER | Recover our precious resources by placing the waste in a bin that will allow it to have a second life |

Goals:

In implementing our policy we hope to achieve the following goals:

- 🗑️ Reduce use of single use items within the school, and increase use of durable and reusable alternatives.
- 🗑️ Annually assess and find innovative ways to direct our biggest waste streams away from landfill.
- 🗑️ Educate students and the broader community about environmental tipping points and why it is important to reduce our local footprint, and on systems that the school is adopting to achieve this.
- 🗑️ Develop a culture of "continuous improvement" and maintain a strong sustainability committee in which teachers, other school staff, parents, local citizens and students are all welcome to contribute to the improvement of our school's waste systems.
- 🗑️ Reduce school consumption of resources, and replace with ethically sourced materials such as recycled paper and plastics where possible.

Project Ideas

1. Create strategically placed colourful waste stations near lunch areas that provide easy to understand alternatives to general waste. We propose to use 4 large general waste bins to sort soft plastics, comingled recycling, Containers4change, and general waste, and 2 small food scrap tubs on a durable plastic table to sort sandwich and fruit/veg scraps. There will be STOP, THINK, RECOVER signage near these waste stations, and colourful bin covers will have Velcro stitched on the front to stick laminated colour signs that clearly indicate the type of waste that is supposed to be deposited.
2. Create an onsite organic worm farming system and outdoor classroom that will be run by students to close the loop on our food scrap waste and grow our own organic fruit and vegetables for the benefit of the school community. We will need to build infrastructure for starting our own seedlings, involving an upgrade to the pre-existing shade house. A third of the structure can be transformed into a pest free and climate-controlled greenhouse by creating a second doorway, building 2 hinged doors frames, and sealing the sides and roof with polycarbonate cladding. An automatic vent on the top will allow excess heat to escape, and solar powered fan will keep the air fresh and surfaces dry.
3. Relocate upcycled open door shed near containers4change collection point to collect printer cartridges, stationery, and batteries from the community. Tubs can be taken to the most appropriate recycler in Albany once full. Kindy shed is no longer fit for purpose as a lockable storage shed, so can be repurposed to allow the community to deposit some specific household waste. Anchoring bolts, and other reinforcement materials may be required.

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