



## Waste Minimisation – Procedure

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### Rationale:

- Our school, like all schools, has the potential to produce large amounts of solid waste. 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 which 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.
- The Student Environment committee coordinates all aspects of the program.
- The committee develops and implements an action plan each year.
- Key action plan strategies will include:
  - The curriculum at all year levels will include waste minimisation and recycling
  - Excursions to land fill sites and recycling depots
  - Waste monitoring and audits
  - designated eating areas, clean up days, washable utensils and lunch boxes vs. lunch bags
- Wal Awards for reaching waste reduction targets
- Use of email and white boards
- Rubbish-free days and garbage free lunches
- Separate coloured compost, recycle and rubbish bins
- Curb side recycling collections
- Worm farms, gutter guardians, paper recycling, pruning chippers,
- 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 four-year review cycle.

**This policy was last ratified by School Board in June 2010**