

MRPS School Waste and Litter Policy

At Margaret River Primary School we believe in striving towards a world where people value the natural environment and care for their communities.

Like all schools, Margaret River Primary School can produce large amounts of waste. However, it is the aim of this school to send as little waste as possible to landfill. This will lead to financial savings for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and many opportunities for students to learn environmentally-sound attitudes and habits.

The school is committed to a whole-school approach to environmental education, of which waste minimization and litter reduction plays a vital role.

It is the **policy** of this school that:

- the strategies of **reduce, reuse, recycle** and **compost** will be incorporated into its everyday activities
- waste minimization and litter reduction will be included in the relevant areas of the school curriculum, and
- recycled products and others that help reduce waste will be purchased where possible.

Outline of Plan

1. Continue placement of recycling bins in every room
2. Continue collection of recycling bins from rooms, as needed and sort into Council Recycling Bins
3. Continue fortnightly placement of school/council recycling bins on verge for fortnightly collection utilizing school councilors and faction captains to assist Greg the gardener with movement of bins.
4. Monitor amount of materials being put into bins and type of materials to ensure correct usage.
5. Continue to encourage the reduction in the amount of paper photocopied
 - eg email newsletters to staff and promote the emailing of newsletters to willing parents.
6. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math Activities
 - eg Bottle tops, cardboard cylinder rolls, small boxes.
7. Enhance the beauty and cleanliness of the school grounds, through encouragement of recycling, correct litter disposal and communal care of lawns and gardens.
8. Plan to reuse the food scraps collected during the day from lunches, canteen and apple slinky machine to go to future worm farm. Acquire fridges and worms for worm farms later in year through grant scheme (?)
9. Continue to encourage the recycling of cans through existing school scheme and plan for expansion in the future (eg.newspapers, ring-pulls, egg cartons)
10. Reduce the amount of energy used by the school for heating by encouraging the wearing of appropriate clothing for weather conditions, turning off computers, lights and air conditioners during breaks and at the end of day.
11. Continue and promote the expansion of the school solar cell programme in an appropriate manner and timeline.
12. Seek to support in all possible ways the establishment of the School Kitchen Garden and associated plant.
13. Investigate and liaise with the AMR Shire and other authorities with a view to obtaining composting bins for school gardens and kitchen garden.
14. Seek to promote our achievements throughout the year in both school newsletters and local newspapers.