



WASTE WISE POLICY

Rationale

Implementation of a Waste Wise Policy will encourage Walpole students to be eco-conscious citizens. Like all schools, Walpole Primary has the potential to produce large amounts of waste and that needs to be monitored and managed. It is also our aim to support the local community's initiatives in encouraging a tidy town that we can all be proud of and teaching our future citizens to be conscious with regards to waste.

Data

A recent Waste Audit at the school involving the K – 2 students and over 15kg of waste was collected and classified in a single day. Nearly 2kgs was food waste even though there is a chook scrap bucket available next to the bin. This has highlighted the need to raise awareness of the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle process

Policy

Our school policy of Waste Minimisation and Litter Reduction is to:

- Apply to be registered as a Waste Wise School.*
- Repeat the waste audit every two months across the grades, with a reduction in waste anticipated.*
- Incorporate the strategies of reduce, reuse, recycle and compost in everyday activities*
- Include hands on waste minimisation and litter reduction activities linked to the Australian Curriculum.*
- Seek the support of families and the community to assist students in developing positive environmental values.*
- Purchase recycled products that help reduce waste*





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- Form Waste Wise Committees for both students and staff to ensure the implementation of a whole school waste minimisation plan
- Use natural resources sustainably and develop strategies to minimise our collective environmental footprint.
- Send an open invitation to parents and community members to become involved in our Environmental Education Program

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Attachment 1

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Waste audit results table



The Waste Wise schools Program

Name of School: Walpole Primary School
 Date: 26/7/16

Type of waste	Weight of waste (kg)	Weight of waste equals	Number of items
RECYCLABLE (Organic)			
Fruit and veg (scraps)	1.9 kg		
Whole fruit	518gr		7
Food scraps (sandwiches etc)	1.8 kg		
Paper and cardboard	8 kg		
RECYCLABLE (non-organic)			
Plastic (1-7)	816		
Aluminium - cans, trays and foil	93gr		
Steel cans (tuna cans etc)	89gr		12
Milk and juice cartons	149gr		7
Other recyclables	792gr		4 Bottles
NON-RECYCLABLE			
Chip packets (and salty/savoury wrappers)	39gr		23
Lolly and ice cream wrappers	90gr		
Plastic bags & cling wrap	560gr		
Whole packaged food (unopened)	45gr		2
Rubbish (Other non-recyclables)	372gr		





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