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# WATER WISE WASTE WISE POLICY

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## RATIONALE

Across Australia we are running out of landfill space. We are now seeing the devastating impact on the environment and our communities of wasteful practices.

### Beliefs

At St Maria Goretti's Catholic School we believe in striving towards a world where people value the natural environment and care for their communities. One way we can do this is by becoming Waste Wise, and promoting a policy of

- Rethink
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

### Goals

In implementing our policy we hope to achieve the following goals develop environmentally sound attitudes, habits and values through teach, demonstrate and reinforce the health and safety procedures when participating in Waste Wise Programs Educate the School and wider community about the waste wise message encourage participation of the whole school community minimise the amount of waste going to landfill examine and audit the waste collected to reduce and re-educate where necessary encourage smarter, eco-friendly thinking about purchasing of products at school and at home enhance the beauty of St Maria Goretti's Catholic Primary School

### Outline of Plan

1. Continue placement of recycling boxes in every room.
2. Continue weekly collection of recycling bins from rooms and sort into Council recycling bins.
3. Continue fortnightly placement of school/council recycling bins on verge for fortnightly collection
4. Commence classroom responsibility for area clean up every week eg Tidy Tuesdays
5. Encourage the reduction in the amount of paper photocopied eg Set photocopiers and printers to print both sides as default; email Newsletters; develop paper-free teaching methods
6. Collect and reuse materials for art, craft, science, technology and math activities eg Bottle tops, cardboard cylinder rolls, small boxes



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7. Enhance the beauty and cleanliness of the school grounds eg Extra bins in the play areas; paint the seats and benches; discourage parking on the verge grassed area.
8. Reuse the food scraps collected during the day from lunches eg Design and build vegie garden with composting area; acquire fridges and worms for worm farms.
9. Recycle and introduce cash collection schemes eg Collect ice-cream containers, cans, newspapers, ring-pulls, egg cartons, plastic pot plant containers.
10. Reduce the amount of energy used by the school for heating by encouraging the wearing of appropriate clothing for weather conditions.