



## Waste Management Policy

### Purpose:

- To develop an environmentally conscious school culture that values waste minimization.

### Aim:

- To recycle, reuse and reduce our use of materials by explicitly teaching effective waste management and embedding best practice into all systems of management.

### Implementation:

- Compost bins in each classroom and staff room that are emptied to either the chooks or outside compost bins on a weekly basis or more often if required
- Zero compostable material to go to landfill
- Colour coded bins for general waste and paper/ cardboard in each learning and administration space
- Bin in staff room for the collection of bottles and cans that cannot be recycled with our general waste
- Battery recycle box in the main office for school and community use
- Computer ink cartridges to be taken to Castlemaine Primary School for recycling
- Use again paper trays in each classroom
- Photo copier set to double sided when appropriate
- Advertiser are encouraged to email information rather than send hard copies for material.
- Newsletter and other parent information to be emailed to parents with a minimum number of paper copies printed for families without adequate email facilities
- Garden waste composted on site
- Personal white boards available in each classroom for student use
- Use again containers encouraged for student lunches with reminders in the newsletter and information in the school handbook
- Children eat lunch inside to minimise rubbish in the yard
- School involved in special events such as clean up Australia Day and rubbish free days
- Waste management is a student leadership role.
- School events do not use disposable plates or cutlery but have whole school sets of dishes that are washed at school.
- Recycling is explicitly taught in at all school levels

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year cycle review. This policy was ratified by school council on 17/3/2016