He Teaches, We Nurture, Together We Inspire

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All Saints PARISH School Waste management POlicy

**Policy**  
As co-creators with God, we will promote and demonstrate respect for Earth, respect for people and respect for distribution.  We will live justly in our World, in relationship with each other and I harmony with God’s creation.  
 **Respect for Earth:** Cultivation of the sense of the Sacred and r which recognises and responds to God’s presence.  
**Respect for People:** Every human person is created in god’s image and likeness and therefore is vulnerable and worthy of respect.  
**​Respectful Distribution:** Stewarding of the resources available for the common good of all creation.

**INTRODUCTION**The purpose of this Waste Policy is to provide a structure that will assist All Saints Primary School to reduce its negative impact on the environment and human health and promote the 3 R’s, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. All Saints aims to do this by supporting all staff and students in giving them the infrastructure to support this policy. This policy aims to establish a Reduce, Reuse and Recycle culture in our school’s environment.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

Currently there are various bins in the classrooms and in the school yard. Classroom staff are responsible for creating a classroom culture which gives students the tools to make the right decisions regarding waste disposal. Students are responsible for putting their waste in the correct bins and are also responsible for emptying classroom recycling bins into the wheelie bins and for emptying the classroom food scrap caddies into the large compost bin.

Staff are responsible for the disposal and recycling of printer cartridges and disposable coffee cups in a thoughtful way.

**OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this Waste Policy are:

1. To separate waste streams into compostable, recyclable and landfill.
2. To reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill
3. To improve School Community understanding of our waste processes and procedures.

Our waste disposal decisions can drastically decrease the amount of waste that All Saints Primary School is sending to Landfill, this would also decrease the amount of money that All Saints Primary School is spending on rubbish removal.

**Waste Targets**

* Events target: ZERO waste
* ZERO target for food waste going to landfill
* *Clean Up Australia Day????*

**Bin Systems**

Staff and Students have access to recycling bins, waste bins and compost caddies in their classrooms and in the yard. Students are not permitted to take any litter with them into the playground, they have designated areas to eat in. The whole school partakes in an ‘emu bob’ on the last day of term to ensure that any litter that has blown into the school yard has been disposed of correctly.

Classroom recycling bins are yellow and have ‘recycling’ printed on the sides and the wheelie bins are green with a yellow lid.

The compost caddies have a sign on the front of them and have a post above or next to them which explains what is allowed to be disposed of in them.

The Grade 3/4 Green Team have created posters to advertise the Nude Food Lunch days, these happen once a term, any students who have waste in their lunch boxes on these days must give it to their classroom teacher to collect.

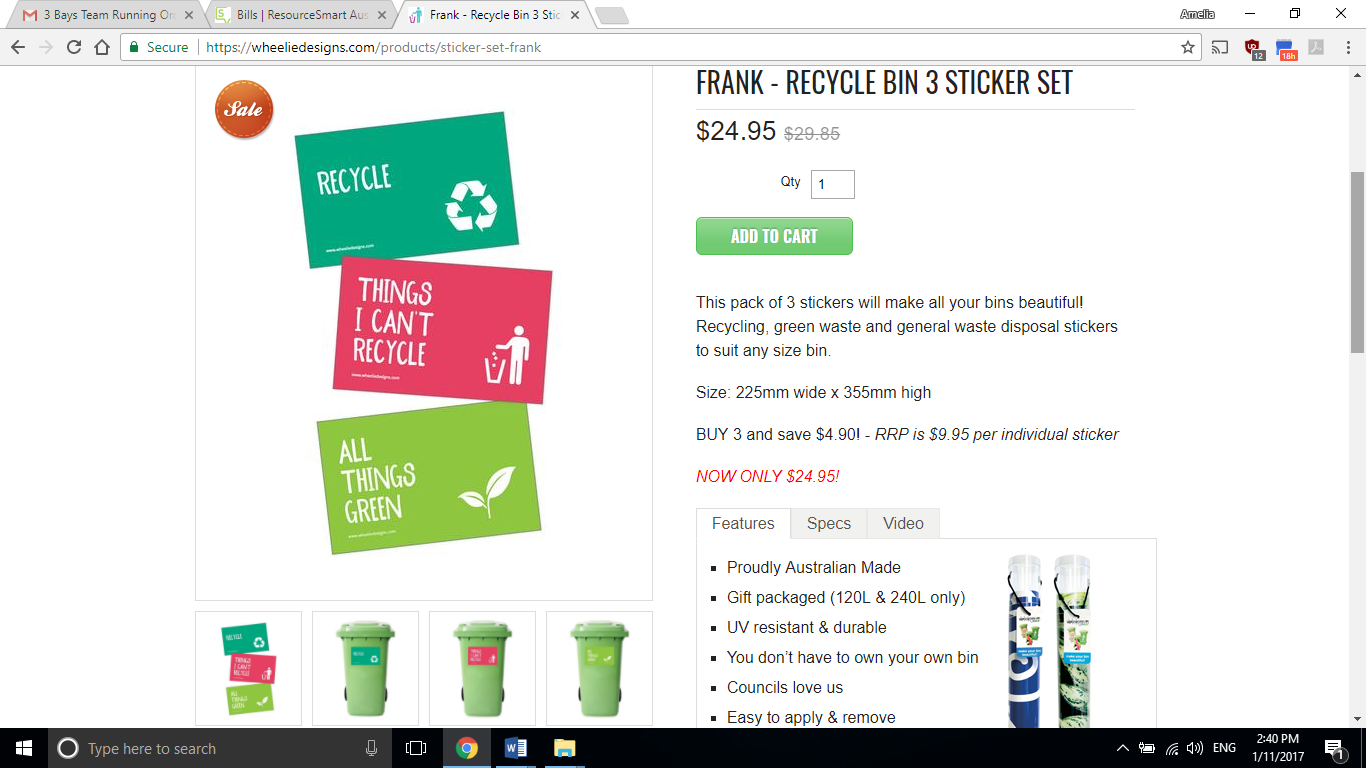
**Annual Waste Audit**

Annual waste audits are to be completed by the 3/4 grades and the data will then be uploaded to the Resource Smart website. Celebrations in data reduction and reports on student participation will be uploaded to the school webpage and put into the newsletter.

This audit is crucial to understand and monitor and assess the current reality of our waste systems and to decide on future goals and targets.

**Signage and visual education**

Signs or stickers need to be stuck on all of the wheelie bins to make it clearer what is supposed to go into each bin. <https://wheeliedesigns.com/search?q=recycle+bin>



**Paper**

All staff need to be mindful of the amount of paper they are using to complete their teaching, and should endeavor to reduce their copies and try to copy double-sided when possible.

In each classroom there should be a place to store and re-use ‘scrap’ paper. This paper could be used for drafting, notetaking and drawing for staff and students.

We buy 50% recycled copy paper from OfficeMax. The amount of printed promotional material coming into school has reduced as staff are opting to get more emails.

**Garden**

Mulch is used in all garden beds and all gardens have native trees and shrubs. We need to utilise the Seawinds Nursery for local native trees and shrubs when we plant in the future. Garden waste including grass clippings are used in the garden as well.

**Food Waste**

All food waste needs to be disposed of in our compost caddies. We have a target of ZERO food waste going into the landfill bins.

Segmented lunchboxes and reusable drink bottles will have promoted on the newsletter and on the school book list.

3/4 Students advertise for the Nude Food Day which is held once a term.

Compostable items are collected in each classroom in a caddy. These caddies are emptied daily after lunch into the compost bin. This compost is used in the vegetable garden and in other garden beds.