SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL
WASTEWISE POLICY

Ratified: 24th May 2011

RATIONALE
Strategies that reduce waste lead to financial savings for the school, benefit our environment and provide opportunities for students to develop environmentally sound attitudes and habits.

AIM
To develop an environmentally conscious school culture which minimises waste.

IMPLEMENTATION
- Our school is committed to environmental conservation by minimising waste.
- Classes participate in the ‘Waste wise lunches’ program which encourages students to reduce waste.
- Staff, parents and students are involved in all aspects of the program.
- Sustainability coordinators will lead a ‘Student Action Team to meet and coordinate compost and waste related tasks.
- Key action plan strategies include:
  - Separate and collect compost, recycle and rubbish bins.
  - The Sustainability Co-ordinator (staff member) will organise Student Action teams who will conduct waste monitoring and audits. Results will be shared in Monday’s Message or the newsletter.
  - Having no bins in the school playground.
  - Photocopier limits, use of email and whiteboards, minimisation of photocopies in classrooms.
  - Staff will have at least one photocopy free day per week.
  - Students will take all their own packaging waste home - “Carry in/Carry out”
  - Curbside recycling collections.
  - Plastic and paper recycling, composting and designated eating areas.
  - Participation in clean up days eg. (‘Schools Clean Up Day’ in conjunction with ‘Clean up Australia Day’).
  - All classes participate in our Sustainability Program and curriculum at all year levels will include waste minimisation and recycling.
  - Waste wise lunches and weekly awards for winning grade (Leafy trophy and popcorn machine).
  - Visiting speakers on recycling from local council.

- The Sustainability Coordinator will communicate closely with the local council, other schools and environmental groups to investigate other methods of waste minimisation.
- Staff meet to review the action plans each year.

EVALUATION
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.