



## SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL WASTEWISE POLICY

Reviewed: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

Next Review Date: September 2020

### 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 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 coordinator 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 A Student Action team that will conduct waste monitoring and audits. Results will be shared in Monday's Message or the newsletter.
  - ✓ One bin and one compost bin will be in the school playground.
  - ✓ Use of email and whiteboards will be encouraged in order to minimise photocopying for classrooms use.
  - ✓ Staff will try to have at least one photocopy free day per week
  - ✓ Students will take all their own packaging waste home - "Carry in/Carry out". This will be reiterated by staff on a regular basis.
  - ✓ Curbside recycling collections.
  - ✓ Parents will be encouraged to access the school newsletter online, with a gradual phasing out of hard copies.
  - ✓ Staff to double side photocopying where possible.
  - ✓ 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 and staff recycle paper.
  - ✓ Waste wise lunches and weekly awards for winning grade (Leafy trophy and popcorn machine)
  - ✓ Visiting speakers on recycling from local council
  - ✓ Planet Ark recycling for photocopier cartridges
  - ✓ Waste minimisation will occur where possible for fundraising events such as sausage sizzles
  - ✓ Staff will, where possible, use recyclable plastics or reusable containers for morning tea events
  - ✓ Staff will encourage waste minimisation as part of the daily management of the classroom and where possible embed into curriculum planning
- The Sustainability Coordinator will communicate closely with the local council, other schools and environmental groups to investigate other methods of waste minimisation.

### EVALUATION

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