

Wipe out WASTE



SECONDARY SCHOOL WASTE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The City of Kingston offers **free waste education sessions** to secondary schools as part of its Wipe Out Waste program. The interactive sessions are designed specifically for secondary students (Yr 7-10), encouraging analysis of their waste generation with the potential to achieve real sustainability outcomes through developing action plans for your school.

WASTE AUDIT (1.5 hours)

After a presentation on what an audit involves and why it's important, students will collect a sample of rubbish from the school bins and sort it into categories according to material type. Each category is weighed, allowing a waste profile to be determined and an estimation of the school's overall waste generation. This information is then used to assist students in assessing the school's current waste practices and developing a waste minimisation plan for your school.

LITTER AUDIT (1.5 hours)

Students will consider the different forms of littering, why it happens and its consequences on the environment. By conducting a litter audit within the school grounds, students can identify any problem areas and patterns in behaviour that lead to littering, which will then assist them in developing an action plan to address the issue in their school.

WORM FARM AND COMPOSTING (45-60 mins)

Students will learn the importance of keeping organic waste (such as food) out of landfill and the benefits of compost for your garden and the environment. Students explore the difference between worm farming and composting, see how easy they are to set up and maintain, and what to consider when choosing a system for you. This topic is ideal for those with an existing compost/worm farm or beginning to implement them.

BEYOND THE BIN (45-60 mins)

Students take a closer look at everyday shopping items, exploring the resource inputs involved in each stage of a product's life cycle – from production to disposal. Students will better understand where waste goes once it's been disposed of, including general rubbish, recycling, and organics. With a greater understanding of what it means to throw an item in the waste bin, students discover the importance of the 3Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) and learn how they can make a difference through sustainable shopping choices.



For all enquires or to book a session, contact Council's Waste Education Provider:
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