

FOR TEACHERS

Setting up your classroom for reuse and recycling

To reduce waste in your classroom and school it's a good idea to start with a waste audit. Setting up your classroom well for reuse and recycling will help you and your students to cut down on waste. Here are some tips:

- Ensure the computer/photocopying paper you use is recycled.
- Ensure that there are clearly marked boxes around the room containing one-sided paper for re-use – some for the computer, others for art work.
- Have boxes for the re-use of printer and photocopier cartridges available.
- Have a recycling bin handy to the classroom for the disposal of cans, bottles etc..
- Collect jars and other re-used containers for paints etc.
- Set up a used toy/clothing box in your classroom
- Run regular op-shop days to hand on used clothing, uniforms etc.
- Set up a classroom worm farm for food scraps. Talk to the school gardener about taking the compost or better still set up your own vegetable garden to use the compost. See Worm Composting Basics
- Engage older community members to teach students how to make or repair things eg clothes, shoes, toys.
- Talk to the school gardener about getting a mulcher to reuse the garden waste.
- Show students how to make things using everyday things such as milk containers. See how to make envelopes by clicking here.

For more ideas go to links.