

Waste Education - school incursions



North East Waste offer free, NSW curriculum-aligned programs on behalf of our member Council's - Byron Shire, Ballina Shire, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore City, Richmond Valley and Tweed Shire Council. Programs are delivered at your school by our experienced Wipe Out Waste education team, and support schools in reducing waste and educating students on sustainable waste management practices.

To book a program or find out more information, please contact us at waste.ed@newaste.org.au.

Wipe Out Waste Performance

Be entertained whilst learning how to actively help your local environment through simple waste-less practices, such as smart-shopping, reducing, reusing, composting and recycling at home, school and play! The mobile Wipe Out Waste education marquee promotes sustainable waste practices at schools through interactive and fun waste information sessions held by professional performers.

Age group: Recommended for Primary Stage 2 & 3, High School Yrs 7-9.

Duration: Each show is approximately 45 minutes and a maximum of 4 shows are available on any one day. Usually a maximum of 25 students per show, but special requests can be catered for. For larger schools we are available for 2 days or more sessions may be negotiated.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/d4U8bSbskNY>

Requirements: Flat space preferably undercover to fit 6m x 3m (double marquee) with class seated in front.

Recycling Relay Race

Get ready, get set, recycle! This fun activity will get students thinking on the fly as they race to sort a pile of waste into the correct bin. Our experienced Wipe Out Waste education staff will also provide information on what can and can't be recycled through your school or home recycling bins, and other recyclable options available in your area. We can also cover the 3-bin system to teach students about separating out food and organic waste. Variations to this activity are available to suit High School groups.

Age group: Recommended for Primary Stage 2 & 3, High School Yrs 7-9.

Duration: 30 - 45mins

Requirements: School oval / grassed area that students can run and make noise. Classroom for High School variation to activity.

Love Your Lunch Program

The Love your Lunch Program tackles the challenges of reducing lunchbox food and packaging waste, healthy eating, reducing school waste and also food waste reduction amongst families. Funded through the NSW Government Love Food Hate Waste Program, Love Your Lunch focuses on Primary School aged students, empowering them to reduce the amount of food left uneaten in their lunchboxes.

The Love Your Lunch Program includes:

- Demonstration of a lunch-waste audit. The class will explore and discuss the main lunchbox foods wasted and packaging waste;
- Lunch-making demonstration. Our educators will demonstrate how to make a simple, easy-to-eat alternative to sandwiches - the Sandwich Sushi - inspiring students to get creative with lunches they can pack themselves.
- Beeswax wrapper making workshop. Each student will be guided in making their own waste-free lunch wrap to take home and use as an alternative to plastic wrap.

Duration: 1hr 15mins per class, with a maximum of 3 classes during 1 day. For larger schools we are available for 2 days or more sessions may be negotiated.

Requirements: Classroom or kitchen space with desks / chairs for students. Bench and powerpoint. NEWaste provides all materials needed.

Beeswax wrapper making

Looking to reduce plastic packaging in your school or home life? Beeswax wrappers are a natural plastic-free alternative that also keep your food fresher for longer. Our Wipe Out Waste education team will guide you through making your own beeswax wrap, how to use it and how to care for it.

Age group: Workshops tailored to all ages.

Duration: 1hr

Requirements: Indoor area with bench space & powerpoint, desks / chairs for students to decorate wrappers. NEWaste provides all materials needed.

Compost workshops

Join our North East Waste compost expert for a fun, hands-on workshop to explore the basics of composting. Using food waste wisely rather than sending it to landfill can create the best fertiliser for your school, community or home garden. Learn how to get the most from your compost efforts, what can be composted, how to make your own compost containers, troubleshooting and how to use compost in your garden.

Age group: Workshops tailored to all ages

Duration: 1hr

Worm farming workshops

Explore the wonderful world of worms and how to get the most from your worm farm. Worm farms provide a good learning opportunity for students to see their food scraps being broken down by thousands of tiny little mouths! We can cater workshops to group needs covering topics such as how to set up and use a worm farm, what can and can't go in, how much to feed your worms, troubleshooting and how to use the valuable worm tea and castings in your school garden.

Age group: Workshops tailored to all ages

Duration: 1hr

Waste Audit Training Session

Want to find out where your school is at with waste separation and diversion from landfill? Our Wipe Out Waste team can assist and guide your school student representative group through a simple volumetric waste audit, providing them with the skills and knowledge to be able to conduct future audits.

We'll help participants to identify and quantify food waste (edible and inedible), recyclable waste and non-recyclable waste (eg. single-use plastics). Waste audits will also give your school insight into where waste is being generated and the types of waste you can target for reduction.

Age group: Student representative group (eg. Environment club or SRC) from Primary or High School.

Activity duration: 1hr

Requirements: Access to all bins and waste streams the audit will cover. Large flat space preferably undercover.

All programs & materials provided free to Northern Rivers schools, funded through your local council, North East Waste and NSW Government grants.