

Rationale

Barton Primary School believes that we have a responsibility to be a leader in our community in sustainable practices. We value the environment and are conscious of the ecological footprint we leave. Barton Primary School will lead and educate the community by demonstrating exemplary practices in waste management, targeting zero waste and sustainable waste disposal.

Aim

We aim to:

- Targeting zero waste in our landfill bins in all areas of the school.
- Educate students and staff on how to dispose of various types of waste.
- Have zero rubbish in the school grounds to maintain our school environment.

Implementation

Expectations at Barton Primary School;

- Encourage participation in the Zero Hero program by bringing food to school in reusable packaging.
- A carry in, carry out practice among our school community which requires that any waste that is brought into the school must be taken home.
- All students to be provided with eating time inside their classroom so that no food will be taken outside.
- Curriculum focus – Through the Environmental Education program and curriculum links we will teach students how to minimise waste and about the environmental impact of waste.
- Participating in the Resource Smart program in order to become five star accredited through completion of the Waste Module.
- Use of various bins throughout school to increase awareness and good practice of appropriate ways to dispose of waste.
- Develop student leadership groups throughout the school to promote sustainable practices.
- Students taking ownership of their waste contribution through the Zero Hero program.
- Provide staff with appropriate ongoing professional development to allow for the seamless integration of the Zero Hero program.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2020 as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

APPROVED

Ratified by School Council on 26th April 2018



