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## Students discover 'message in a bottle'

Waste Authority Chairman, Marcus Geisler, today launched *Message in a plastic bottle*, a curriculum guide for secondary schools. The guide uses the topic of purchasing water in plastic bottles to deliver a message to students about reducing plastic waste.

The curriculum guide covers English, maths, science, geography and leadership. John Curtin College of the Arts teacher, Peta Scorer, said the Year 7 science students were 'buzzing with excitement' as they conducted scientific tests on bottled water and tap water. "They were surprised that there was no difference," she said. "This has led to students carrying reusable drink bottles."

Speaking at the launch at John Curtin College, Mr Geisler said the lessons and activities in the guide were based on local perspectives on plastic waste and the actions outlined were simple and inspiring for students.

Students from Emmanuel Catholic College environmental group also spoke about how they are tackling plastic waste. A student from the committee said there were plans to serve milkshakes, a popular canteen purchase, in reusable containers. "We are also removing straws from view so that students use less," the student said.

The *Message in a plastic bottle* guide was developed by Waste Wise Schools, a program of the Waste Authority. The guide is available to all schools for free on the Waste Wise Schools website.

Launch:	<b>Thursday 30 April, 10:00am</b>
Location:	<b>John Curtin College of the Arts, 90 Ellen Street, Fremantle 6160</b>
Details:	Students speeches and displays on reducing plastic waste (John Curtin College of the Arts, Emmanuel Catholic College and Halls Head Community College).

Information about the Waste Authority's Waste Wise Schools program can be found on their website at <http://www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/programs/waste-wise-schools>.

Marcus Geisler and the students are available for interview.