

# Waste Wise Schools accreditation summary report 2020

The Waste Wise Schools (WWS) program is delighted to share a summary of actions and outcomes achieved by accredited schools in 2019 and reported in 2020. Accredited schools achieved increased waste avoidance, increased waste reuse, increased recycling and reduced waste to landfill.

School activities			
 250 recredited schools		<b>Avoid waste</b>  1,658 actions	<b>Reuse</b>  711 actions
		<b>Recycle</b>  2,254 actions	
Recycling participation rates			
<b>Organics</b>  88% of accredited schools	<b>Paper and cardboard</b>  91% of accredited schools	<b>Plastics/containers</b>  52% of accredited schools	
Improved student waste behaviours			
90% of established accredited schools observed students always or often correctly recycling paper and cardboard. Only 52% of newly accredited schools observed this same behaviour.		65% of established accredited schools observed students always or often correctly separating food waste for recycling. Only 17% of newly accredited schools observed this same behaviour.	
<p><i>Schools that maintain their Waste Wise Schools accreditation status achieve greater student engagement in waste reduction behaviours.</i></p>			

### South Bunbury Primary

**What:** Reduced the number of general waste bins collected from 32 to 14 per week resulting in reduced cost of waste collection.

**How:** Increased paper and comingled recycling; adding a Food Organic Garden Organics (FOGO) service.

### South West John Calvin Christian College

**What:** Cut down waste to landfill by 90%, which included recycling 400 kg of paper waste and recycling 95% of organic waste.

**How:** Introduced a three-bin system and composting and bokashi bins; hosted a launch event to encourage waste reduction behaviours.

### Shelley Primary School

**What:** Reduced waste to landfill and increased student awareness of organics recycling.

**How:** Halved the number of general waste bins; introduced FOGO; focused on paper recycling.

### Whitford Catholic Primary School

**What:** Reduced organic waste going to landfill from 3,459 kg per year to 225 kg.

**How:** Removed all general waste bins from school grounds except for weekly canteen days; sent all school lunch waste, except organics, home for recycling.

‘Waste Wise schools is a great example of how leadership in schools makes a difference for changing attitudes in the community into the future.’ Rachael Roberts, Hillcrest Primary School.

**Thank you for making landfill the last resort!**