

# Waste Education



*How can Council's  
Waste Education Officer  
assist your Primary School  
or Community Group?*



## Primary School Waste Education sessions are adapted to suit age.

The sessions are generally broken up into the following groups:

### Kindergarten and Prep (ages 3-5)

#### Years 1 - 2

#### Years 3 - 4

#### Years 5 - 6

Programs offered to schools include:

### Composting and Worm Farming

This is a hands on demonstration of recycling organic material. This session is generally held outdoors in the schools vegetable patch or green area. A large variety of organic materials are used in the demonstration to help explain the composting process. This has proven the most enjoyable session for the Primary School age children, mainly because it is outdoors and allows children to actively participate as opposed to a classroom delivery. Topics include:

- The four minimum requirements for great composting
- Carbon vs Nitrogen
- Materials to use and not to use
- How to manage the heap

### Waste Minimisation and Recycling Processes

This session involves a large amount of information therefore it is adapted from the following topics to suit the age group. Topics in this session include:

- Choices at the supermarket (helping students understand that minimising waste starts well before wheelie bins)
- Identifying recyclable materials particularly plastics as there is such a large variety
- Contamination in the recycle bin
- Material Recovery Facility (MRF) process – DVD
- Sorting recyclable materials from waste (students participate in hands on activities)

### Landfill and Transfer Station Operations

This session is particularly aimed at the higher age groups ie Year 5 and 6. The session offers a little more technical information on the layout and processes of Landfills and Transfer Stations.

Topics include:

- Transfer Station layout and acceptance criteria
- Landfill layers and purpose
- Environmental risks

## Community Groups

No matter what the nature of your Community Group or age of its members, programs can be adapted to suit groups who would like to enhance their current practices or kick start an environmental project. Council's Waste Education Officer is happy to meet with a member of your Community Group and discuss the needs of the group and the best way to deliver the session.

## How much does it cost?

Waste Education sessions delivered by Scenic Rim Regional Council are delivered free of charge to schools and Community Groups within the Scenic Rim Region.

## Specific to your Region

The Waste Education sessions are delivered with the intention to provide relevant and factual information for residents of the Scenic Rim Region, therefore the information provided takes into account policies and procedures, methods and contractual obligations specific to Scenic Rim Regional Council.

## How can I arrange a Waste Education Session?

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