



## Rubbish Reduction Policy

### Rationale

At Rosanna Golf Links Primary School, our goal is to achieve zero waste in the school yard. We aim to provide and maintain a healthy and aesthetically pleasing learning environment through the reduction of waste and litter. This will support the waste wise principles of rethink, reduce, reuse, recycle and to decrease the cost of waste and litter management. These actions are critical in helping us to build and maintain a '5 Star Sustainable School', as per our AIP goals.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide an outline of the waste reduction initiatives in operation across the school
- To support and maintain our Resource Smart Schools '5 Star Sustainable School' accreditation
- Educate the wider school community to practice waste reduction behaviours within school and for life.

### Scope

This policy relates to the wider school community of Rosanna Golf Links Primary School, included but not limited to students, staff, parents and visitors.

### Actions

Rosanna Golf Links Primary School is committed to continuous improvement in sustainable practices. By raising environmental awareness in our community, we aim to educate and promote waste reduction actions throughout the wider school community and beyond.

As outlined in the three-year School Environmental Management Plan (SEMP) documentation, actions to be implemented and maintained across the school include:

- Provision of appropriate waste disposal bins including landfill, paper recycling, compost, co-mingled recycling and soft plastic
- Education of students and wider school community on appropriate waste disposal
- Prominent display of signage and waste disposal instructions throughout the school
- Encouraging students to bring 'Nude Food' Lunchboxes on a daily basis
- Developing the capacity of Environment Leaders to lead and promote waste reduction initiatives throughout the school
- Continuing to encourage students to pick up any rubbish in the school grounds at the designated daily 'Paper Pick Up' time, and to dispose of the rubbish appropriately in the correct bins
- Encouraging members of the school community to take their own rubbish home with them for disposal
- Ensuring all staff across the school consider environment impacts of purchases and undertake green purchasing where possible for classroom resources, administrative tasks and special events.

### Review

Rosanna Golf Links Primary School policies, including the Rubbish Reduction Policy, can be found via the link: <http://www.rosanna-golflinks-ps.vic.edu.au/our-school/school-policies/>

### Further information and resources

This policy will be reviewed in 2021 as part of the School Environmental Management Plan update.