WHITFORD
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WASTE WISE POLICY

Review: 2022

RATIONALE

At Whitford Catholic Primary School, we value the natural environment and are committed to adopting practices that demonstrate this. We recognise that it is our responsibility to minimise our ecological footprint and that minimising the waste we produce is an important part of achieving this. Strategies that reduce waste can lead to financial savings for the school, benefit our environment and provide opportunities for students to be active citizens whilst developing positive environmental values.

PRINCIPLES

Whitford Catholic Primary School will promote better waste management practices and behaviours, with a focus on waste avoidance and recovery. A wholistic way we can do this is promoting the principles of:

- Rethink
- Reduce
- Reuse
- Recycle

Our school will demonstrate our commitment to these principles by becoming a registered Waste Wise School.

PROCEDURES

- Involve the whole school community including students, teachers, non-teaching staff and parents in improving waste management practices.
- Minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.
- Use current waste audit results to focus our waste minimisation efforts.
- Regularly monitor and reassess our waste production and educate our community with the findings.
- Integrate Waste Wise concepts into the relevant areas of the school curriculum.
- Promote leadership, responsibility and peer tutoring amongst the year levels.
- Develop a detailed Waste Management Plan that captures the details of all relevant programs implemented at the school.
- Encourage consideration of the full life cycle cost of products at school and home.

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility for implementation of the Waste Wise Policy rests with the School Principal with support from the Environment and Sustainability Committee. Responsibility for compliance with the Waste Wise Policy rests with the School Leadership Team.