

## Waste Wise Grants

The Waste Wise Schools Program offers three consecutive grants of \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. The eligibility criteria for each grant are listed below. Apart from points 1-4, there are a number of ways to show that your school is meeting the grant criteria and some examples of evidence are listed. You may also refer to pages 27-30 in *The Waste Wise Way* for more ideas. The more examples you can supply for each criteria, the stronger your grant application.

Criteria	Action	Examples of Evidence	Grant		
1. Committee	Form a committee and hold a meeting to start planning Waste Wise (WW) activities	-committee minutes	Infrastructure \$2,000	Whole School & Community \$5,000	Waste & Sustainability \$10,000
2. Waste Audit	Run a waste audit to explore what kind of waste school produces. Ask WW for a kit or call Liz to book a Waste Audit incursion.	-audit results, photos			
3. Plan	Write a year plan for WW activities	-copy of plan			
4. Policy	Write a policy detailing how the schools will deal with its waste and how the 3Rs will be incorporated into school culture	-copy of policy signed by principal			
5. Whole School Involvement	Involve all students throughout the school in Waste Wise activities and learning	-work samples from across school -details of WW activities and how all students are involved - school curriculum plan			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-staff presentations</li> <li>-students teaching other students</li> <li>-whole school competitions (ie for collecting recyclables eg ring pulls)</li> <li>-teachers undertaken relevant training</li> <li>-assembly items</li> <li>-environmental clubs (across grades esp. for high schools)</li> <li>-newsletter articles</li> <li>-document showing WW is helping to achieve curriculum requirements</li> </ul>		\$5,000	\$10,000
6. Community Partnerships/involvement	Schools establish links with their community to manage their waste, learn about their community and where waste goes and to educate their community about waste issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-media articles (newspaper, radio, television, magazines)</li> <li>-details of involvement with local/regional council (find out what can recycle at home, enter competitions, visit local landfill or recycling facility)</li> <li>-details of projects with community groups (recycling centres, collection points)</li> <li>-details of how working with charities (eg ringpulls for wheelchairs, clothes to charity shops etc)</li> <li>-details of sharing education with parents, nursing homes, kindergartens, other schools in area</li> <li>-details of how are part of a cluster working on WW projects</li> </ul>			

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7. Demonstrated 3R's across school	Details of how school is reducing, reusing and recycling waste across school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-details how school reduced paper use</li> <li>-ongoing audits</li> <li>-photocopier policy</li> <li>-purchasing of recycled paper and other products</li> <li>-details how reduced canteen waste (buy in bulk etc),</li> <li>-hold zero waste lunches</li> <li>-reuse common recyclables in classroom activities,</li> <li>-reuse paper for notepads</li> <li>-ReMida art activities, class sets of worksheets, reusing old files etc</li> <li>-recycle paper, common recyclables, food scraps (in worm farm or compost)</li> <li>-consider all areas of school, classrooms, office, canteen, staff room, library, gardens, lunches, stationery etc</li> <li>-buy in bulk</li> <li>-reuse or recycle old desks and computers etc</li> </ul>			

8. Reduced waste to landfill by 60%		-compared to when not diverting anything from landfill -recycling paper -holding Zero Waste lunches -worm farming -composting -reduced paper use -other recycling -buy in bulk -change canteen practices			\$10,000
9. Involvement in AuSSI	School involved in the Sustainable Schools Initiative	-Whole school input into; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rubric</li> <li>• Footprint</li> <li>• Handprint</li> <li>• School commitment</li> </ul> -May require training via 'Making the Connections' workshop or online or via Waste Wise or other programs if available			
10. Demonstrated continuation whole school approach and community partnerships/involvement		-As in points 5, 6 & 7			