



RUBBISH FREE POLICY

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RATIONALE:

Strathaird Primary School is working towards becoming a 5-Star Resource Smart sustainable school. This means that we promote sustainability practices in the areas of waste disposal, water, energy use and biodiversity.

In line with this, Strathaird Primary School will operate as a Rubbish Free School. This is a practical, real and positive way to promote healthy eating and teach waste minimization. Being a rubbish free school encourages students to develop and understand how their actions impact the environment and empowers them to take action in minimizing this impact.

Students are encouraged to bring food to school without any packaging. Furthermore, our 'carry in, carry out' policy requires that any waste that is brought into the school must be taken home.

AIMS:

This policy aims to provide a practical, real and positive way to encourage healthy eating and teach waste minimization. Becoming a Rubbish Free School will improve student understanding of how consuming processed, packaged foods daily does impact on the environment and their health.

Like all schools, Strathaird Primary School can produce large amounts of waste. It is our aim to send as little waste as possible to landfill.

This will lead to financial saving for the school, considerable benefits for the environment and many opportunities for the students to learn environmentally sound attitudes and habits. It is also our aim to have no litter in the school building and grounds. This will make our school more attractive and save money and time in collecting litter. The school is committed to a whole school approach to environmental education of which waste minimization and rubbish free food plays a vital role.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Curriculum focus on teaching students how to minimize waste and the environmental impacts
2. There are classroom and school monitor systems in place to deal with the various kinds of waste.
3. Classroom Waste Warriors check their class' waste.
4. Food to be eaten in classroom with rubbish placed straight back into lunch boxes.
5. No wrappers are to be placed in classroom bins.
6. Items that can be recycled will be collected in class recycling buckets and will be removed using the classroom monitor system.

7. Compostable items from classrooms will be removed daily using the classroom monitor system.
8. Food not eaten can be taken in the yard without a wrapper and eaten at the stage.
9. Canteen paper bags will be placed in a special paper bin located next to the canteen. The remainder for example plastic ice stick wrappers will need to be placed in the rubbish bin.
10. Encourage reusable containers for food and regular Parents and Friends fundraisers selling a variety of these products.
11. Encourage bulk items divided into containers rather than separate small packets.
12. The School will regularly participate in events such as National Nude food day.
13. Promotion of the policy through assembly announcements, school newsletters, signs and school website.

FAMILY/ COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS:

1. Assist the school in teaching students about the importance of waste minimization.
2. Label containers and encourage students to be responsible for them.
3. Expect wrappers/packaging to be taken back home.

TARGETS:

Our long term goal is to reduce our overall landfill waste to 0. Waste data will be monitored regularly and action taken to reduce it.