

SCHOOLS RECYCLE RIGHT CHALLENGE

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The Schools Recycle Right Challenge offers a wide range of recycling themed activities, lesson plans and events ideas that have been developed specifically for Australian schools. The aim of this guide is to assist you in planning your school's National Recycling Week activities.

INTRODUCTION

What is the Schools Recycle Right Challenge?

The Schools Recycle Right Challenge (SRRC) is an initiative that brings together a wide range of recycling themed activities, lesson plans, supporting resources, and events ideas that have been developed specifically for Australian schools.



Register your school to participate in the challenge at schoolsrecycle.planetark.org/involved. Registering will give your school access to all our free resources ready to download. It also lets us know your school is involved and counts towards the national tally.

The SRRC runs from early October through to the last Friday of National Recycling Week (visit the SRRC website for specific dates). Schools can participate as much or as little as they like, choosing activities, lessons, events and dates that suit their needs. The Challenge is designed to be flexible within the school term and caters for all ages and available time.



Join the hundreds of thousands students who participate and celebrate National Recycling Week via the SRRC.

[REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL](#)

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Steps for a successful Student Recycle Right Challenge





Choosing a date

National Recycling Week, established by Planet Ark in 1996, is held every year during the second week of November.

The period of the SRRC captures the lead up to National Recycling Week. During this time Planet Ark will be running a nationwide media campaign encouraging schools, councils and businesses to promote recycling through a variety of resources, events and activities. Schools can participate at any time during the period of the challenge and your school may also choose to get involved with activities run by your local council which could also count towards the challenge.

Don't forget it's not just the kids who can get involved; encourage your colleagues to participate in National Recycling Week too! For more information about this head to: nationalrecyclingweek.com.au.



If you need any help registering your school or have any questions about the Challenge please contact Planet Ark on enquiries@planetark.org



Choosing activities

There are lots of great ways that your school can get involved in the SRRC. We've put together a list of just a few of the ways your school can help celebrate National Recycling Week.



LESSON PLANS & LEARNING ACTIVITIES

We have developed free curriculum-aligned lesson plans for all year levels. These resources are designed to educate students about the items that can be recycled, the recycling process, the amount of waste we create and so much more.

[DOWNLOAD LESSON PLANS HERE](#)



RECYCLING OR REUSE EVENTS

If you're interested in doing something a little different with your class, why not organise a recycling event? From Swap Parties to Recycling Games Carnivals, we have developed resources to assist you planning, implementing and promoting National Recycling Week activities at your schools.

[DOWNLOAD HOW-TO GUIDES HERE](#)





More events ideas



The Recycling Games

Download [the guide here](#). This activity is based on the Olympic Games, which are an engaging and entertaining way for students to learn about the benefits of recycling and how to 'recycle right'.



Recycled arts and crafts

Download [the guide here](#). Recycled art and 'junk to funk' projects can be very popular with kids and adults alike. Recycled art can take many forms; from collages and instruments to picture frames and plastic bag knitting, the possibilities are endless.



Guest speakers

Organise for a waste educator or a local composting expert to give a presentation at your school to teach students about how recycling works and to share some recycling advice. Many councils and recycling companies may be able to provide this service for free.



More ideas next page!

Start your own recycling system and begin composting/worm-farming.





More events ideas



Start a new recycling system

This is the perfect time to establish or launch a new recycling initiative at your school. Whether you're starting from scratch or building upon previous work, there's a long list of items you can recycle with your students. Schools are great places to set up recycling collections for a range of items including:

- Canteen and lunch box items,
- Printer cartridges through 'Cartridges 4 Planet Ark'
- Mobile phones through 'MobileMuster'
- Batteries
- Books
- Eligible [CDS containers](#)

Recycling these items can be really easy, and it's a great way to demonstrate your school's commitment to the environment. [Download the 'How To Set Up A Recycling System' guide here.](#)

DOWNLOAD 'HOW TO SET UP A RECYCLING SYSTEM'



Composting or worm farming

Spending more time outdoors is good for kids and composting and worm farming activities are a great way of getting a breath of fresh air while learning about recycling. If your school already has a compost heap or worm farm, why not have a hands-on lesson looking at the types of things you can put into it as well as how it works?

If your school doesn't have a compost heap or worm farm yet, don't despair - National Recycling Week is the perfect time to start one up. [Download our composting infographic here.](#)

ABOUT

What is National Recycling Week?



Planet Ark founded National Recycling Week in 1996 as a community education and media campaign. The aim was to bring a national focus to recycling and the broader themes of minimising waste and managing material resources.

National Recycling Week is a well established and highly regarded annual education and behaviour change campaign. The aim of the campaign is to increase the environmental benefits, including greater tonnage and less contamination, of kerbside, industrial and community recycling programs. National Recycling Week provides us all with an opportunity to move towards avoiding waste through building on our daily habits to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work, and in the community.



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