

Organics Matter

School composting program

Diverting organic matter from the waste stream reduces pressure on existing waste systems; and by composting, you can turn organic waste into a nutrient rich resource that acts like a sponge, retaining valuable moisture in soil.

Composting in schools teaches children the value of turning organic material into compost and the importance of diverting waste from landfill. It also helps children learn about the life that exists within organic material and why only organic, contaminant free waste should go in a compost or FOGO bin.



The Organics Matter schools program will:

- Provide general education about the three-bin system.
- Explain how to separate organic material from general waste.
- Help reduce contamination in collected organic material.
- Enable schools to process a percentage of their organic material on site using compost bins, vermicomposting or worm farming.
- Reduce the quantity of food and organic waste removed from schools.
- Program activities.



Activities are tailored to the specific needs of each school and may include:

- An assessment to decide the best model for the school.
- A waste audit to establish a baseline so we can determine the success of the program.
- A staff incursion and coaching session to support the processing of organics at the school.
- A Compost Critters incursion for a minimum of two year three or four classes, with links to the Australian curriculum.



To participate, you will need:

- An internal room that has an electronic whiteboard, or a projector and screen.
- Student access to iPads, if possible.
- A minimum of two classes to participate in the program.
- Schools participating in the program will receive free composting systems or a FOGO bin from the City of Bayswater.



To find out more, please contact the City of Bayswater Environmental Health team on 9272 0648.

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