

Teachers and Principals, take a stand against waste! By REFUSING single-use plastics, your school helps reduce landfill waste and plastic pollution, encourages responsible habits among students and helps save parents money in the long run by cutting disposable purchases.

PLASTIC FREE SCHOOL

- Ditch plastic utensils and plates and provide only biodegradable cutlery and paper plates.
- Replace disposable packaging with sustainable alternatives. Use biodegradable or compostable containers like paper wrappers and bamboo trays.
- Encourage kids to bring keep cups for hot chocolate (educating against the use of disposable coffee cups)
- Remove all disposable items from the staff rooms and encourage staff to wash and reuse.
- Offer bulk snack dispensers for items like popcorn, or dried fruit instead of pre-packaged snacks.



REUSABLE LUNCH GEAR

- Promote reusable bottles, lunch boxes and utensils to cut down on waste. Set up an area with communal reusable cutlery for those who forgot theirs. Celebrate students who consistently bring reusable items.
- Encourage staff to bring their own water bottles, keep cups and lunches rather than buying food, coffee and bottled water.

BAN SINGLE USE PLASTICS

- Eliminate plastic straws, cutlery and wrappers from school grounds. Start with a pledge wall, where students commit to avoiding single use items.
- Complete a review of suppliers like catering, stationery, technology and furniture suppliers to ensure they are using sustainable packaging or have reuse or recycling programs in place.

PLASTIC FREE EVENTS

- Start small with one plastic free lunch day per week where students bring lunches free from plastic wrap and single use items.
- At the school disco replace glow sticks with Reusable LED wristbands.
- At the school fete or cake stall, ask families to bring baked goods in reusable containers instead of plastic wrap.
- Set up a BYO plate/cup system for events or use compostable alternatives instead of plastic.
- Host a DIY beeswax wrap workshop to teach students how to make their own beeswax wraps as a fun sustainable alternative to plastic wrap.

ENCOURAGE AND REWARD

- Allow students to bring their own containers for takeaway meals. Launch a borrow-and-return container system for reusable takeaway packaging.
- Remove drinks from the canteen, so children are encouraged to drink from their water bottles or water fountains.
- Install a display showing how many bottles have been saved by using refill water stations.