

## Recycling Right at WCCC

Thank you to all the families who completed our recycling survey. More than 50% of families completed this as well as the staff team so we have lots of data to analyse.

This recycling right update includes some information on what we do at WCCC and also some of the great tips from families.

There are a range of things that present a challenge to our recycling practices and we will be following up all of your issues and questions over coming weeks and hopefully providing answers to all.

We will also share information about what happens to the items we put in our comingled waste bins, as there are different requirements and practices in different Council areas.

We are also aware that recycling in Australia will face some new challenges with China changing the laws and regulations regarding the importing of waster for recycling.

### Recycling at WCCC

Waite Campus Childrens Centre has a good history of recycling:

Paper and cardboard

Comingled– plastic containers, milk cartons, tin cans etc

Soft plastics

Broken electrical equipment

Batteries

Old furniture, both items we no longer need and we also take suitable items to reuse

Food and other organic waste including paper towel—via our worm farm, chook buckets and to Jeffries for composting

We are also a collection point for:

Toothbrushes and packaging– recycled through Terracycle

Mobile phones– recycled through Clean Up Australia

Old clothing and toys– recycled through Vinnies or used at Centre if suitable

We reuse and repurpose anything can be used for children's creative play including, containers and boxes, unwanted wood and other loose parts

### Some of the WCCC communities best tips:

Refuse excess packaging- no prepacked fruit and veg, shop at the fruit and veg shop or Farmers market

Avoid plastics – when you go shopping use reusable bags for fruit and veg

Buy in bulk to reduce plastics. Buy yogurt only in a large container and dispense into smaller containers for children. NO squeezey fruit or yogurt pouches as these are not recyclable.

Think before you put something in the bin. Think what else could you do?

Refurbish old furniture rather than buying new items

Purchase and recycle clothes and toys form second hand shops

Use the Redcycle program for recycling soft plastics

Have a worm farm for food waste

Establish a recycling area at home with different bins for different items. Families have this in different places depending on the space available including kitchen, pantry, laundry or shed.

Get the whole family, including young children on board so everyone knows what can be recycled and where to put it. Teach children how to read the recycling symbols

Encourage children (and adults) to get creative with interesting packaging before recycling