

## Support

Resources have been developed to help schools meet the criteria for WasteWise Schools. EcoSolutions can:

- Work with staff to assess where they currently are, and to come up with tailored goals
- Support schools through the process of preparing for the award
- Deliver free sustainability themed lessons which put in context the need to reduce, re-use, and recycle in engaging and informative formats

### *In addition EcoSolutions can provide:*

- Recycle systems, and other sustainability resources at subsidised rates
- School support to help establish, and maintain your recycling systems
- Self-assessment check list
- Waste audit guide
- Sample Waste Minimisation Plan – a waste minimisation plan is a way of embedding in your school culture ways to reduce waste, and can lead to improved environmental outcomes for your community.
- Workshops for the wider school community around sustainability projects such as home compost/garden or worm farm.

## Contact

For more information

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EcoSolutions is a social enterprise that has been working with Northlanders for over 15 years delivering environmental education and projects with schools, businesses and the community. Our vision is to give people the tools, support and inspiration to live lighter on the environment.



*Recognising Far North schools committed to reducing waste and their environmental footprint*

*Less Waste = More Happiness*

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District Council





## What is Waste Wise Schools?

The Far North District Council is committed to waste minimisation in the region and has set targets for the area to reach in its Waste Minimisation Strategy.

To help reach those goals the Council has initiated the WasteWise Schools initiative, to promote and recognise achievements in this area. WasteWise Schools provides a structured process for the development, implementation and maintenance of school wide waste minimisation. Becoming a WasteWise School can be gained by successfully passing an on-site audit from the Council's approved, third-party verifiers, CBEC EcoSolutions.

## Criteria

The Council's criteria for the award are that a school has:

1. Put in place systems to reduce waste to landfill, documented in a waste minimisation plan.
2. Less than 10% (Rākau/tree), 20% (Tipu/seedling), or 30% (Kakano/seed) of its waste is composed of materials that can be reused, recycled or composted.
3. Has imbedded within the school charter a commitment to waste minimisation.

### Recyclables found in Refuse



## What the programme offers your school

There are a number of benefits to becoming a WasteWise School. These include:

- Public recognition of your school's ethos of sustainability.
- Increased student responsibility and respect for the environment.
- Opportunity for student driven solutions to reduce waste
- Student acquisition of life skills to reduce re-use and recycle, including nature's systems such as gardens/compost and worm farming.
- Increase efficiency and cost saving for the school.
- Educational and technical support from EcoSolutions.
- Certificates of achievement.

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## Enquire today!

EcoSolutions can be contacted by email or phone to answer any queries that staff have.

## How it works

### STEP 1

School enquires about award and a meeting is set up to discuss.

### STEP 2

School signs up and is provided with a resource pack.

### STEP 3

EcoSolutions conducts a walkthrough audit, drafts a report and presents recommendations.

### STEP 4

EcoSolutions follows up to assist development and implementation of waste management plan

### STEP 5

EcoSolutions advises that the school is ready to apply for award.

### STEP 6

EcoSolutions formally audits the school.

### STEP 7

School gains award and is recognised for being awesome.

An audit will be carried out by CBEC EcoSolutions to assess the schools waste minimisation practise. Following the award, records of the schools' waste stream will need to be kept to verify that they continue to meet the criteria and these records will be submitted with the renewal application for the WasteWise School certification each year.